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CENTRE ISSUES NORMS FOR ONLINE CLASSES BY SCHOOLS

The Union HRD ministry on Tuesday recommended a cap on duration and the number of daily sessions for students

MAX 30 MIN FOR PRE-PRIMARY STUDENTS

In its set of guidelines called 'Pragyata', the ministry has recommended that the duration of online classes for pre-primary students should not be for more than 30 minutes. For classes 1-8, a maximum of two online sessions of up to 45 minutes each can be held, while for Classes 9-12, four sessions of 30-45 minutes duration each have been recommended

CONCERNS ABOUT HIGH SCREEN TIME

- The main emphasis of Pragyata is on balanced online and offline activities, keeping the screen time as an essential parameter in accordance with the level of students
- The ministry framed the norms after parents raised concerns about students' protracted exposure to mobile/computer screens

240 mn

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS, SAYS MINISTRY

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Thorny issues block EMI moratorium extension

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

THE Centre is in favour of extending the moratorium on term loan EMIs beyond August 31, but an announcement will be made only after the legal and technical issues are fixed.

"RBI has to sort out two things — one-time restructuring of loans and the legal response to the Supreme Court on whether banks can charge 'interest on interest'. Only when these two issues are fixed, will an extension be announced," said a senior official from the Finance Ministry.

As the current moratorium will end in August, banks will have to declare many loans as non-performing assets in their second quarter result, else they will fall short of minimum capital requirement.

Fitch Ratings estimates that under a moderate stress scenario, PSU banks will need at least $15 billion to meet Tier-1 norms. Which means the banks will require immediate recapitalisation.

Restructuring will take away that burden to a great extent, but RBI will have to define the terms for restructuring before the current moratorium ends.

Another issue is that many businesses have moved court over denial of moratorium and also over the interest charged during the relief period. Recently, the Karnataka High Court ruled that banks cannot deny moratorium to businesses whose survival is at stake.

"Courts can ask RBI to enforce moratorium. Courts can also ask banks not to sit over borrowers' request for moratorium," said Veena Sivaramakrishnan, partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

But the situation is tricky as the SC is looking at the legality of 'interest on interest' (EMI already includes interest, so charging interest for moratorium period will be interest on interest). However, if this is waived, it will dent banks' profitability. So, extending the moratorium without charging interest will be challenging for the Finance Ministry.

'Interest on interest'

Last month, the Supreme Court said there is "no merit in charging interest on interest" for deferred EMIs during the moratorium period. The matter will again come up for hearing in the first week of August

Truth can be rattled, not defeated... My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who have come out in my support today

Sachin Pilot, who was dropped as Dy CM

Gehlot pushes out co-Pilot to crush Rajasthan revolt

Sachin also sacked as the state party unit president, loyalists too axed

RAJESH ASNANI & RICHA SHARMA @Jaipur/New Delhi

THE Congress on Tuesday sought to crush the Rajasthan rebellion by sacking Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and his two loyalist ministers from the Gehlot ministry, buoyed as it was by the chief minister showing his strength at the Congress Legislative Party meeting the previous day.

Apart from Pilot, Vishwendra Singh and Ramesh Meena were axed from the ministry, Ashok Gehlot later conveyed to Governor Kalraj Mishra in writing, seeking his approval.

Pilot was also sacked as the state Congress unit president. In his place, Govind Singh Dotasara was appointed state PCC chief.

However, the drama is not fully over as the Pilot camp as well as the BJP asked Gehlot to prove his strength on the floor of the Assembly. The buzz in Jaipur is that Gehlot is confident about his numbers and might want to take a floor test in a few days. And Pilot is expected to speak his mind on Wednesday.

The axe fell after the second CLP meeting in as many days, which was boycotted by the Pilot camp. The meeting adopted a resolution authorising action against the rebels, who are holed up at a resort in Gurugram. The CLP meeting was held at the Fairmount resort where all of them were shepherded to by Gehlot.

Party spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala later announced the big punitive action. He said Pilot was ensnared by the BJP into working to bring down the Congress government although he was given a lot of respect and key posts all through his career in the party.

The numbers game

In the 200-member Rajasthan Assembly, the Congress has 107 MLAs and the BJP 72. An estimated 102 MLAs, including allies, attended the CLP meeting called by Gehlot on Monday. Among the Congress allies in RS polls, the Bharatiya Tribal Party with two MLAs decided to stay neutral in the floor test

Party sources said the high command decided to take firm action after Pilot ignored repeated communication to join the CLP meeting and discuss his grievances there. "Pilot was not ready to yield and Gehlot was on firm ground as he enjoyed support of most of the MLAs. Even the party's top leadership was against hard bargaining with Pilot. All efforts to find a middle ground failed," said a senior party leader.

"Both Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka were in touch with him, but he decided to push his rivalry with Gehlot too far without accepting that he does not enjoy majority support to validate his claim for the CM's post," said another party leader.

After meeting the Governor, Gehlot charged that Pilot had been working with the BJP for the past six months to topple his government. "Pilot and his group are simply obeying whatever the BJP is dictating to them. The resort where they are staying has been organised and managed by the BJP and those people who are experts in toppling governments are controlling the entire game at the resort."

Meanwhile, Pilot and his loyalist MLAs continue to stay in Gurugram. A video clip from his camp appeared to show they had 16 MLAs.

Later, the Maharashtra unit of the Congress suspended former spokesperson Sanjay Jha, who had already been dropped from his post. The action was taken for 'anti-party activities and breach of discipline'. P9

Two girls share top rank in PU science

Prerana M N, Science topper

Abhijna Rao, Science topper

T C S Aravind Srivatsa, Commerce topper

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE state has recorded a marginal increase in the Pre-University Course II pass percentage at 61.80 per cent, against last year's 61.73 per cent. A total of 67,52,777 students cleared the examinations this year, the results of which were announced on Tuesday.

Shockingly, not even a single student has passed in 88 colleges, but the number is down from last year's 98 colleges. Of these, five are government colleges, up from last year's three; and five aided colleges against just one last year. The number of private unaided colleges with nil results has dropped from 94 last year to 78 this year. Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar said the performance drop will be analysed on a college-by-college basis.

Prerana M N from Vidyamandir INDP PU College, Malleswaram, Bengaluru, and Abhijna Rao from Vidyodaya PU College, Udupi, share the first rank with scores tied at 596 in science. T C S Aravind Srivatsa, also from Vidyamandir INDP PU College, secured 598 to top in commerce. P7

EXPRESS READ

WPI inflation dips 1.8% in June on low fuel prices

New Delhi: The prices in the wholesale market fell for the third straight month, declining 1.81% in June, due to a decline in fuel and power items, even as food items were costly. Inflation in May and April was (-) 3.21% and (-) 1.57%, respectively. P12

India, China military commanders hold talks

New Delhi: Indian and Chinese military commanders on Tuesday held over 10-hour-long intense negotiations on the next phase of troop retreat. Sources said Depsang and disengagement of troops from both sides from Finger4 was discussed

KR Market opened for only 16 days in 4 months; farmers, vendors in distress

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

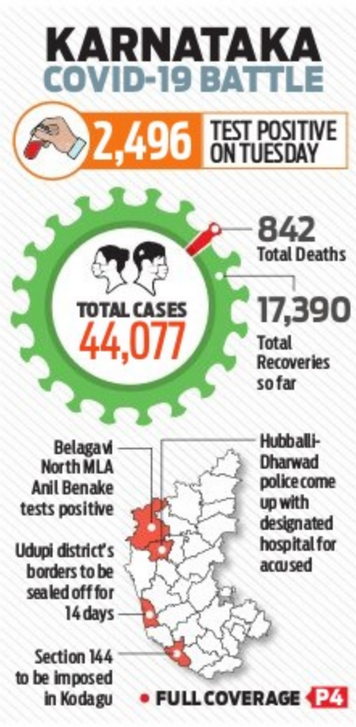
THE iconic Krishna Rajendra Market in the city, which is Asia's largest market for vegetables, fruits and flowers with daily business of about Rs 2 crore, was open for just 16 days since March this year. With another week-long lockdown starting Wednesday, thousands of farmers from several places around the state capital and vendors from across Bengaluru, who depend on the market to sell and buy produce, have been badly hit.

Ever since the nationwide lockdown was announced in March, like all other commercial places, KR Market too was shut. There was an attempt by the civic authorities to shift the market and vendors were told to have their trade at National College Grounds and later at APS Ground, but arrangements were chaotic. And with the Covid-19 spread, nothing was done to help the traders.

An otherwise bustling KR Market wears a deserted look in Bengaluru on Tuesday

After the Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced relaxation in lockdown norms, the State Government allowed KR Market to reopen on June 6. But when number of Covid-19 cases started rising sharply, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, after an emergency meeting, decided to seal down marketplaces in Bengaluru including Kalasipalya, KR Market, Chamarajpet and Chickpet till June 31. This was later extended for some more days.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Diwakar, president of KR Market Vendors' Association, said there are over 2,000 vendors in KR Market premises who sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, greens and even puja items along with other essentials. P2


KARNATAKA
COVID-19 BATTLE
2,496 TEST POSITIVE ON TUESDAY
TOTAL CASES 44,077
842 Total Deaths
17,390 Total Recoveries so far
Belagavi North MLA Anil Benake tests positive
Udupi district's borders to be sealed off for 14 days
Section 144 to be imposed in Kodagu
Hubballi-Dharwad police come up with designated hospital for accused
FULL COVERAGE P4

LIFE & LIVELIHOOD

Unnao returnees struggling to earn

Anuj Kumar (L) at his village work site

Despite Mumbai being a costly city, I saved enough to send it home. But here, I can barely support myself

Anuj Kumar, now a daily wage labourer

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THEIR numbers are maddening — more than 32 lakh — and their stories as repetitive as their existence in the persistent Covid-19 virulence. Lockdowns forced them back to their villages in Uttar Pradesh, where their sustenance is in question and their anxieties about better livelihood are growing by the day.

Many have already started their journey back: Trains to Mumbai and Gujarat from Gorakhpur and Lucknow are running full and ads for cheap and direct bus services from east UP towns have started popping up on Facebook.

For its part, the government has skill-mapped most of them. More than 10 lakh migrant workers have been absorbed in the rural jobs scheme, MGNREGS. Besides, the government has signed pacts with various industry bodies such as IIA, Naredco and FICCI to provide 11 lakh jobs. Plus, there is an assortment of offers under the newly launched PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana and interest-free loans to run enterprises.

But all that appears to be in a flux going by snatches of conversations with these young migrants of Unnao:

Anuj Kumar (30): The food delivery man is back from Mumbai, digging pits 1,500 km away in Unnao. He earned over ₹25,000 per month until lockdown became the order of the day. Now, in his native village Kalu Khera, he works as a daily wager for the forest department and earns ₹200 a day, not guaranteed for all 30 days.

In mid-May, Anuj, along with eight others, took their four mobikes to make the 1,500-km journey. Reaching home was the happiest moment of his life. "Despite Mumbai being a costly city, I saved enough to send it home. But, here I can barely support myself," he says. CONTINUED ON: P10

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Wednesday** 15/07/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma
• **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Dashami 7:59 pm • **Nakshatra:** Bharani 3:31 pm
• Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN	MAX
21°C	27°C

FORECAST
Isolated tstorms. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise	6.01 am
Sunset	6.50 pm
Moonrise	1.23 am
Moonset	2.10 pm

Transport sector dreads hitting loss bump again

BMTC to suspend services from July 15 to 21, but buses to run for essential purposes

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has decided to suspend its services between July 15 and 21, although buses will be operational for essential purposes. The corporation has decided to run its services between 7 am and 7 pm for people belonging to 134 essential services in Bengaluru, excluding containment zones.

The transport sector in Bengaluru Urban and Rural will be affected yet again due to the lockdown. However, this time flights and trains will function, hence the state government has allowed the operation of cabs and autorickshaws ferrying passengers from or to the railway stations or airport, a senior officer told TNIE. Cab aggregators Uber and Ola confirmed that services will be available for essential travel only.

"We are already struggling with no customers. Now with one week of total lockdown, we are lost. How do we feed our families?" asked Madhava, an autorickshaw driver.

While several drivers are yet to receive the ₹5,000 one-time compensation from the state government, cab and auto drivers say the future seems bleak. "I was informed that since my mobile number is not linked to my Aadhaar card, I won't be able to receive the compensation. But the bank says otherwise. I am stuck with no other means to survive. I have debts to pay," says Mushraff Khan, another auto driver.

The essential services personnel — government staffers, police, doctors, health professional, ASHA workers, bankers, media personnel and students who have to write examinations — will be allowed to travel by BMTC buses using monthly, weekly or daily passes. Weekly and daily passes will be issued by bus conductors for ₹300 and ₹70. The KSRTC services have also been suspended for the given time.

People will be allowed to use their personal vehicles for inter-state and intra-state travel only in cases of emergencies after availing a pass through the Seva Sindhu portal.

People wait for buses at Kempegowda Bus Station | SHRIRAM B N

AS THE LOCKDOWN LOOMED...

MG Road witnessed heavy traffic in the evening, just before Bengaluru went into a complete lockdown for a week, starting Tuesday evening | PANDARINATH B

EXPRESS READ

97% PUC students unwilling to write CET: Survey

The All India Democratic Students Organisation has come out with a survey covering 30 districts and reaching out to more than 12,000 students of PUC, degree, PG and Engineering. As many as 97 per cent PUC students said they aren't ready to write CET amid the lockdown. Nearly 90 per cent students in degree, PG and engineering said they aren't ready to attend the preparatory classes in August and will not take the exams in September. The AIDSO has called for a Karnataka protest day on July 17. Some of their demands are postponing Karnataka CET, ensuring job security, and waiving all educational loans. **ENS**

RECORD LIQUOR SALE AS PEOPLE STOCK UP FOR LOCKDOWN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SOON after the week-long lockdown was announced by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, citizens made a beeline for liquor stores to stock up for a week.

Excise department officials said they have registered a record sales on July 13 and 14, ever since the lockdown was lifted.

The department reported sale of 4.89 lakh cases of IML to the tune of ₹215.55 crore and 0.83 lakh cases of beer worth ₹14.83 crore. On July 14, till 5 pm, it reported sale of 3,88,478 cartons to the tune of ₹167.20 crore of IML and 68,653 cartons of beer costing ₹12.22 crore.

"Though soon after the lockdown was lifted, the rush was high, especially during weekends, the sales have not shown an increase, which was normally reported from the department. Ever since the lockdown there has been a dip in 31.7% sale in IML and 41% in beer. The total sales registered by the department till July 13 has been 21.15 lakh carton boxes of IML (Rs 873.58 crore) and 5.14 lakh carton boxes of beer (89.97 crore)," an excise official said.

A man unloads cartons of liquor from a truck in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

According to records, this year from April till July 13, 121.84 lakh cartons of IML have been sold and 38.97 lakh carton boxes beer, while last year, in the same duration, the sales were 169.10 lakh cartons of IML and 95.20 lakh carton boxes of beer.

Soon after the lockdown was lifted on May 4, the state had recorded sales of ₹45 crore. The excise department had then termed it as bumper sale as they had expected to earn the state exchequer ₹25 crore, but the sale was 40% more than expected.

MIRACLE DRINK

Postman to deliver Covid-buster Kashaya package at your doorstep

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

WITH the pandemic tightening its grip, the 'Kashaya' — a potent mix of spices, herbs and roots — has become the magic potion for the average Indian, who is turning to traditional panaceas. Consumption of kashaya is being encouraged as an immunity booster against the raging coronavirus in the city, with even police stations encouraging cops to sip it.

To bring the kashaya to your doorstep, the Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation (KSMDMC) will join hands with India Post to deliver a package containing the ingredients needed to brew up the spicy drink.

KSMDMC Managing Director C G Nagaraj told TNIE, "We are planning to put together a package with the seven ingredients needed to make the kashaya at home — 250gm of pepper, dry ginger, cumin, cinnamon, clove, garlic and turmeric, along with 1.2 kg of jaggery."

The package will weigh 3 kg and cost ₹600. "The spices are supplied by farmers from Malnad region, reputed for the quality of its spices. This will provide the farmers a platform to sell their produce," Nagaraj said. It is likely to be launched in a fortnight.

The KSMDMC-India Post partnership, forged for the second consecutive year to deliver mangoes, achieved a record sale of 100 tonnes this year, with people confined to their homes during the first lockdown. With the mango season over and spices much in demand for kashaya, the Corporation is now venturing into this line.

Post Master-General, Bangalore Headquarters, S Rajendra Kumar said, "Our tie-up for door delivery of mangoes was extremely successful, and we are happy to engage with KSMDMC again."

'On average, KR Market sees ₹2 crore daily business'

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ON an average, the daily business at the market is about Rs 2 crore, Diwakar, president of KR Market Vendors' Association, pointed out.

"In the last four months, we opened for only 16 days. We are not asking the authorities to reopen the market, we are aware of the pandemic. But the government should provide us with some alternatives. At least 50,000 people work here and their families are dependent on them. What should they do?" Sreenivasaiah, a vegetable vendor, asked.

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha president Kodihalli Chandrasekhar said it is the responsibility of the government to provide a platform for farmers to sell their perishable produce. "Farmers, who take their produce to KR Market, usually get better prices. Now, with the sealing, farmers are forced to take their produce to smaller markets elsewhere where they are not getting fair price. The authorities concerned should allow reopening of KR Market in the morning hours with police security for only farmers and vendors. The public should not be allowed. We have appealed to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in this regard," he added.

Revenue Minister R Ashok, however, said that at present, there is no option but to decentralise the KR Market to faraway places including KR Puram and Anekal. Farmers coming from that side can sell their produce at these markets, he said. Asked about vendors from different parts of the city who are finding it difficult to procure vegetables, Ashok said they cannot do anything and the market cannot be opened in the present circumstances.

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Kodihalli Chandrasekhar, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

15th July : At this phase in the lunar cycle, it's customary to begin to think about taking some time off. Everybody needs a rest, a simple fact which too many people forget in the high-pressure world of the twenty-first century. It has never seemed to me to be a sensible use of our time to work so hard that we forget what a wonderful world this is.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There is soon to be a sensitive relationship between the Sun and Neptune, indicating that what is truly important now is to be as creative, imaginative and romantic as possible, no matter what people in authority demand. If professional matters are on your mind, then get talking; other people need to know what you think.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Travel plans should be pushed up the agenda, for there will be no better way to lift your morale than to dream of foreign parts. Professionally, you can probably afford to rest on your laurels, but only until the next series of extraordinary demands arrives.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Some reassuring aspects to your sign make it clear that your wishes are paramount. The nature of your lunar alignments could mean that, in the absence of fresh responsibilities, you'll have time to put your feet up. The clock is ticking away though, and a deadline could be here sooner than you think.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It may not yet be the right time to play your trump cards, even though the pressures are growing. You'll be able to make a bigger splash in around two or three days' time, so hold your fire. At home, it's best to concentrate on what you can do to put matters right rather than worrying about what went wrong.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There is so much that needs to be said, and so little time in which to say it, but one way or another you must prepare your ground properly. You will very soon realise that material security was not the real issue, and in future you may be more prepared to cut loose.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You decided to alter your course or direction some time ago, but there is still time for the implications of your actions to sink in. Don't be surprised if partners are in the process of changing their minds, for they're only following your lead! You should have sympathy for their predicament.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Times are still busy and getting more so by the day. For a while it looked as if you were about to return to square one at work, but this may no longer be the case. Everything is up for grabs. Some of you are feeling worn out, but you've learnt an important lesson - to pace yourself properly next time round.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This is a fine day to take care of joint financial arrangements, although it doesn't look as if anything particularly important will be decided. It will also be nice if you have a chance to spend someone else's money. Secret information could be revealed soon, so have your story ready.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
During the past few weeks you have probably imagined that loved ones and partners have taken leave of their senses - and you could be right! But then you of all people should understand their need to be irrational and unpredictable! If you see the world through partners' eyes, then you'll expand your own horizons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You should take care to deal with all routine chores, paying every attention to all minor details. That's the only way to ensure that when the time comes to enjoy yourself, all cares and hassles are safely resolved. Don't let the past blind you to the pleasures of the present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Sober Saturn's progress through your chart is now at a critical stage, suggesting that a plateau has been reached. It could therefore be time for a breather, and you should allow partners to take some of the strain. Step in to help as and when you feel you're needed.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's certainly time for some hard thinking, and if you manage to get to grips with those crucial issues, partners and colleagues may have cause for gratitude. Move fast before you lose the advantage. You may have a second chance in the future, but by then other circumstances will have changed.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

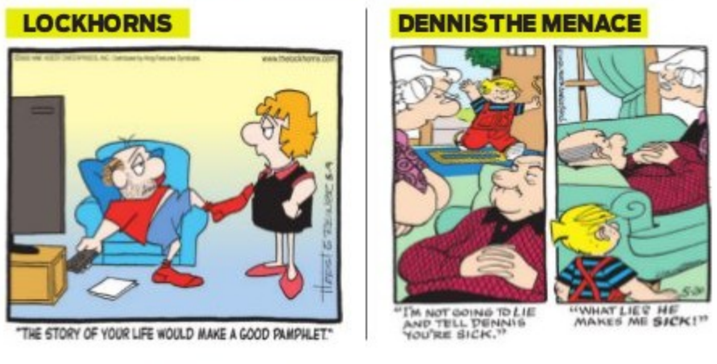
I TOOK OUT THE TRASH, MOWED THE LAWN, WASHED THE CAR, AND CLEANED OUT THE GARAGE, AND I STILL HAVE THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON.
I THINK I'LL GO PLAY A LITTLE GOLF.
I REALLY WISH YOU'D HELP OUT MORE AROUND HERE.

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

IS THIS THE BERNSTALERS' RESIDENCE?
NO, THIS IS THE BUMSTEAD RESIDENCE
IN THAT CASE, YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE ANSWERING THE BERNSTALERS' PHONE!!
I'VE GOT TO STOP ANSWERING THE PHONE AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK

LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

3		4		8	5		6	
7								5
		8						3
	3			2		4		
				1				
		5		3			7	
9						1		
2								6
	1		6	4		7		8

EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	2	8	7	3	5	9	4	6
7	9	4	6	2	1	5	3	8
6	3	5	9	4	8	1	7	2
3	8	2	5	1	4	6	9	7
9	5	1	8	7	6	3	2	4
4	7	6	2	9	3	8	1	5
5	4	9	3	8	2	7	6	1
2	6	3	1	5	7	4	8	9
8	1	7	4	6	9	2	5	3

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CMISU

NSALT

CUEQHN

DOWNEO

They're lucky to get all the latest fashions.
I wonder what the men's styles are going to be.
THE STORE'S WINDOW FEATURED ALL-FEMALE LIFE-SIZE FIGURES. ONE COULD CALL THEM ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CREEK FUNNY VERIFY BETTER
Answer: They were in the process of turning on the home's power, which made it a — CURRENT EVENT

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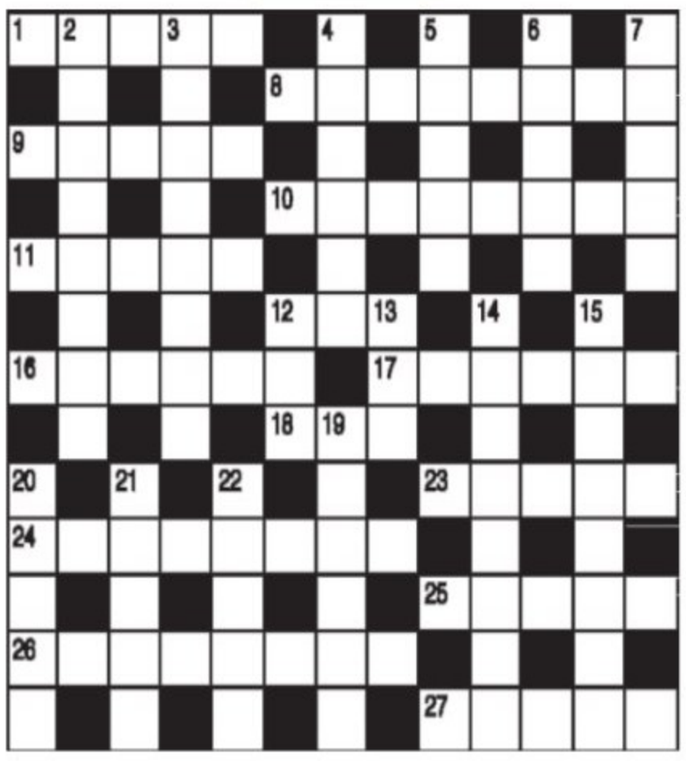
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 They're devoted to order (5)
8 X-ray unit (8)
9 Is making a comeback with fresh strength (5)
10 It is done wrongly in certain issues (8)
11 Try to put it in writing (5)
12 Suitable resort for a spring holiday? (3)
16 Rummage about for some time (6)
17 Cut down chesty complications (6)
18 Rescue ship of a peculiar kind (3)
23 High church feature (5)
24 Ship's biscuits not so easy for the yachtsman (4,4)
25 Impressive sign of temper (5)
26 Frighten over mistakes and bloomers (8)
27 He is involved with any wild carnivore (5)

DOWN

1 Neglect nothing on a job (8)
3 Not only don't come but prevent others coming (4,4)
4 Kind of robbery most likely to occur during rush hours (4-2)
5 Can turn into American fighting formations (5)
6 Radiant girl goes up west (5)
7 Hangs about and shows a sign of anger perhaps (5)
12 One side of the coast (3)
13 Presumably people don't know when they do so (3)
14 Fellow feeling pity perhaps (8)
15 Abel may get a bronze medal (5,3)
19 Price change has a point in cookery instruction (6)
20 Examine the accuracy of a restaurant bill (5)
21 Tied as illustrated (5)
22 Stop working in the stables? (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Snail's pace, 6 Disc, 10 Stem, 11 Stratagem, 12 Macaroni, 13 Nitre, 15 Endmost, 17 Frights, 19 Scratch, 21 Pageant, 22 Nylon, 24 Cressets, 27 Bagatelle, 28 Crete, 29 Eats, 30 Freebooter.

Down: 1 Sash, 2 Alexander, 3 Linda, 4 Pass out, 5 Cardiff, 7 Ingot, 8 Compensate, 9 Standing, 14 Personable, 16 Ostinato, 18 Heartbeat, 20 Heckler, 21 Precede, 23 Light, 25 Secco, 26 Peer.

As many as 209 students from Karnataka, who were studying in Moscow and had been stranded following the Covid lockdown there since March 23, landed at Bengaluru airport on Tuesday

Lockdown will give time to prepare better: Ashoka

Says decision on extension will be taken depending on situation

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AS the number of Covid-19 positive cases and fatalities in Karnataka, especially Bengaluru, continue to surge day by day, the state government hopes that the week-long lockdown from Tuesday night will help break the chain of virus transmission and give it time to further ramp-up virus containment facilities.

"It will give us time to prepare and bring the situation under control," said Revenue Minister R Ashoka, who is among his cabinet colleagues in-charge of controlling the spread of the virus and ramping up infrastructure in the state capital. "The lockdown will give us breathing time and we hope things will be better," the minister said on Tuesday.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa imposed the lockdown for a week after discussions on the ground situation in Bengaluru with eight zonal in-charge ministers and senior officials.

In the last few days, the number of positive cases and deaths have increased significantly. On Tuesday, 1,267 new cases and 56 deaths were reported in the city, taking the tally of the positive cases to 20,969 and fatalities to 377.

Ashoka said the decision on extending the lockdown will be taken depending on the situation. "Now, we have decided to impose the lockdown for a week and the decision (on extending it) will be taken depending on the situation," he added.

The state government had estimated the number of cases to touch 25,000 in August, but it crossed 44,000 in July itself. Even Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar had recently said that though they had anticipated an increase in the number positive cases after lockdown restrictions were eased, they had not expected such a sudden surge in numbers during the first week of July.

Officials check documents of people crossing the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border at the Attibele Toll Plaza, ahead of the lockdown, on Tuesday | PANDARINATH B

Eshwarappa, JDS leaders under home quarantine

ENS @ Bengaluru/ Hassan

RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa is in home quarantine for a week, after his assistant Krishna tested positive on Monday. Sources said around 21 members of Eshwarappa's household, including the minister, underwent the Covid test and tested negative on Tuesday. Eshwarappa, who is in Shivamogga, preferred to quarantine himself in his residence.

After JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy's assistant Satish tested positive last week, the former chief minister, who was at his JP Nagar residence, took a second swab test on Tuesday and tested negative.

Shivamogga DC KB Shivakumar also opted for home quarantine on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, family members of JDS state president H K Kumaraswamy and Arasikere MLA K M Shivalinge Gowda have tested positive. Kumaraswamy's wife and daughter, and Gowda's wife are undergoing treatment at hospitals after they tested positive. Kumaraswamy and Shivalinge Gowda are in home quarantine for seven days, as they are primary contacts of the patients.

Gowda urged people of his constituency not to visit him and speak to him over phone, if necessary. Kumaraswamy's daughter, a neurosurgeon, is undergoing treatment at the Covid hospital in Mandya, while her driver is under treatment in Hassan.

DKS to meet patients, docs at Victoria Hospital

KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Tuesday said that he will visit the Covid-designated Victoria Hospital on Wednesday, and interact with patients and doctors. Hitting out at the Chief Minister, Shivakumar accused B S Yediyurappa and his cabinet colleagues of not "bothering to even lift the spirits of patients and doctors by visiting them". "Neither the CM nor his ministers have visited hospitals. Can they not interact with patients and doctors after donning PPEs?" he said. Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar has, so far, visited three Covid-19 hospitals, but has interacted with patients only via video calls.

Pilot on a crash course, say Cong veterans

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IN the backdrop of the worsening crisis in Rajasthan Congress, precipitated by the dismissal of Sachin Pilot as Deputy Chief Minister and Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee chief on Tuesday, veteran party leaders in Karnataka took potshots at him, terming him a "young leader in a hurry".

"It is a disastrous trend in politics. We always look forward to young and dynamic leaders to take over the reins of the country. Jyotiraditya Scindia (a Gandhi family confidante who rebelled and joined the BJP in Madhya Pradesh) and Sachin Pilot are aspiring leaders with promise. Vulnerability of their aspirations has been misused by the BJP, which did the same with many young leaders in north-eastern states and in Karnataka, too," said former chief minister M Veerappa Moily.

He said at a young age, Pilot was made Deputy CM and PCC president in one of the most important states, and the high command was taking him into confidence at every stage. "Youth leaders aspiring for higher positions have to wait and they cannot bulldoze the leadership. It is not a good trend in politics," he said. The former union minister also expressed concern that the political crisis is panning out at a time when the entire country is facing a health crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Senior Congress leader B K Hariprasad, who had been AICC General Secretary in-charge of 17 states, including Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, said both Pilot and Scindia were in a hurry and lacked commitment to the party that had given them important posts, including making them ministers.

"The BJP is trying its best to topple the Congress government in Rajasthan, but as of now there is no threat to the government," he added.

Moily has a word of caution for his party high command. "These days, our Indian National Congress leadership needs to be more vigilant, particularly those put in charge of states must keep the leadership informed. Not being vigilant is also one of the reasons for such developments, but that doesn't give the BJP a handle to destroy young leaders," he added.

Shivakumar huddles with tech-savvy young guns to up Cong's digital game

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

AFTER the "huge success" of his mass digital oath-taking ceremony as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president, D K Shivakumar seems to be keen on upping the party's reliance on technology.

On Tuesday, Shivakumar called a meeting of around 40 young party leaders, who are active on social media and enjoy a considerable following, to discuss the party's digital outreach plan. With Covid-targeted lockdown making it impossible to hold protests, or reach out to people *en masse*, Shivakumar is looking to turn the individual following of each of his party's prominent social media faces into a collective arsenal of digital outreach.

From perception building to reaching out to people in need during the lockdown period, Shivakumar sought suggestions, collaboration and cooperation from Congress leaders to up the party's digital game.

KPCC chief DK Shivakumar holds a meeting at the KPCC office on Tuesday | PANDARINATH B

"We were able to connect to some one crore people via the Pratigna Dina digital outreach event. The meeting was focused on how best the party can use digital media to connect to people when mainstream media is hostile to the Congress," said Rizwan Arshad, Shivajinagar MLA.

Apart from former Chief Minister and Congress Legislative Party Chief Siddaramaiah's campaign — #LekkaKodi — aimed at demanding an audit of Covid expenditure from the government, the Congress hopes to launch more digital campaigns questioning the B S Yediyurappa-led BJP government in the state.

The digital outreach programme hopes to include scheduled communication directly from senior office-bearers of the Congress apart from regular digital meetings with district, taluk, village and booth workers to bridge the gap of access.

EXPRESS READ

POST OFFICES TO FUNCTION FOR 4 HOURS DURING LOCKDOWN

Due to the one-week lockdown in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts, only a limited number of post offices will be operational, and only from 10 am to 2 pm, from Wednesday. "A total of 99 post offices out of 225 in the two districts will be open from July 15 to July 22," said S Rajendra Kumar, Postmaster General, Bengaluru Headquarter Region. An official release listed Anekal, Sarjapura, Budigere, Electronic City, Bannerghatta Road, RT Nagar, Domlur, Malleswaram, Nandini Layout and Rajajinagar among the post offices that will will remain open. The General Post Office will be open too. All postal ATMs will be functional and loaded, it said. ENS

TWEET VOLLEY

Siddaramaiah questions govt on range of issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah has asked Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa to answer a series of questions. The Congress leader, who has been complaining that the government is not answering his queries, tweeted, "CM Lekka Kodi", asking the CM to give the facts.

In a series of tweets, he said the CM's proposal to impose compulsory leave without pay for KSRTC employees is anti-labour and inhuman. "Imagine the challenges of lakhs of employees if the same approach is taken up by other departments & private companies? Has the govt become bankrupt," he asked.

He said the government's decision to reduce the procurement price of milk under Ksheera Dhare scheme is against the interests of farmers in these difficult times of Covid19. He urged the CM to fix procurement price at Rs 35 per litre and clear all the arrears.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from MR. JAMES ROY JOHN, S/o Late. C. K. John, Residing at No.G3+G4, Purva Apartment, Martin's Marod, Caranzalem, Panjim -403 002, GOA.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing New Municipal No.7 at 2nd Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Village, Kammanahalli, Bangalore having PID No.89-40-7 (earlier House Property bearing No.1016 (H.L), Situated at Kacharakanahalli Village, Kammanahalli Road, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore), measuring East to West 18.29 Mtrs., and North to South 18.29 Mtrs., totally measuring 334.5241 Sq.Mtrs., and bounded on as follows: East by : Property of Mrs. Ramaswamy and Mrs. Alangara Mary, West by : Road, North by : Property of Mrs. Thankamma John, South by : Property of Mrs. Valsa Sebastian.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates,**
Advocates,
No.32, 1st Floor, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084. Ph. 9844011141
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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

My clients **Mr. R. KRISHNAPPA**, aged about 32 years S/o Ramaiah, R/at No.18, 10th Cross, Akshyanagar, 2nd Block, R.M. Nagar, Bangalore-16 is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Mrs. D.V RAJYA LAKSHMI**, aged about 76 years, W/o Mr. D.V Bhaskar Rao, R/at No. 3, Income Tax Layout, Sadananda Nagar, N.G.E.F East, Bangalore-560038 for valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing House List Khata No. 478/59, Formed out of Converted Survey No. 59, the said land has been converted vide its conversion order No. ALN SR/42/84-85, dated 06-05-1985, situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Old Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 75 feet. in all measuring 3000 feet. Bounded on East by : Remaining Property in Sy. No. 59, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: 80 feet Road, (Avalahalli to Rampura Main Road)

Manjunath Reddy, B.A., LLB.,
Smt. T. Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LLB.,
No. 8, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph: 98455 20830, 7353233778, 9535234981

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, NEW DELHI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR ASTRONOMY AND ASTROHPYSICS (IUCAA), PUNE, MAHARASHTRA

UGC invites applications for the post of Director for Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) Pune, Maharashtra.

The Post of Director carries emoluments as that of the Vice Chancellor of a Central University. The application should be filled online for which the last date is 31st July, 2020. The hard copy of the filled-in online application along with all the relevant documents should be sent to the **Joint Secretary (IUC), University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002** on or before 10th August, 2020. Further details are available on the UGC website www.ugc.ac. in/jobs.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 24% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

1). Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s): **Borrower: (1) M/s.Mythri Housing Pvt Ltd,** No:2, "Jain Heights Solus", 11th Floor, First Cross, J C Road, Bangalore – 560027. **Land owner / Mortgagor : (1) (a) M/s.Gururaj Enterprises Pvt Ltd,** No: 1301, 13th Floor, Sankeshwar Darshan, "A" Wing, Love Lane, Mumbai- 400010. **(b) M/s.Gururaj Enterprises Pvt Ltd,** No:8, Ground Floor, Plot No: 13/39, Jivan Maharaj Chawl, Mota Mandir Marg, J M Compound, Chandi Gally, Kalbadevi, Mumbai-400002. **Director / Guarantor: (1) (a) Mr.Kishore Jain,** M/s.Mythri Housing Pvt Ltd, No:2, ""Jain Heights Solus",", 11th Floor, First Cross, J C Road, Bangalore-560027. **(b) Mr.Kishore Jain,** S/o. Mr.Shantilal, No: 432, 7th B Main, First Floor, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560027. **(2) (a) Mrs.Rekha Jain,** M/s.Mythri Housing Pvt Ltd, No:2, ""Jain Heights Solus",", 11th Floor, First Cross, J C Road, Bangalore-560027.**(b) Mrs.Rekha Jain** W/o.Mr.Kishore Jain, No: 432, 7th B Main, First Floor, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore – 560027.

Total Outstanding Dues: Loan A/c No: 6360250931 Rs.18,94,52,460/- (as on 31.05.2020) **Date of Demand Notice : 29.06.2020**

(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created): Schedule: Item No:01: All that piece and parcel of the following 26 unsold units (along with proportionate undivided share in the land) of the project financed - "SOLUS – 2" being constructed on the property bearing Municipal No.28, PID No.48-74-28, situated at 1st Cross, J.C Road, Bangalore-560027, land totally admeasuring 31,299 sq.ft., and building constructed/ to be constructed thereon and land bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: 1st Cross, J.C Road and South by: Road

Units Mortgaged to HDFC Ltd:

Sl No.	Unit No.	Floor No.	Super Built Up Area (in sq.ft.,)	Undivided Share of Land (in sq.ft.)
1	A 0	Ground Floor	4,365	3,110
2	B 0	Ground Floor	2,195	1.564
3	C 0	Ground Floor	6,846	4,878
4	A 01	First Floor	1.510	1,076
5	B 01	First Floor	1,245	887
6	C 01	First Floor	1,185	844
7	D 01	First Floor	1,055	752
8	E 01	First Floor	1,115	794
9	H 01	First Floor	970	691
10	I 01	First Floor	1,130	805
11	G 03	Third Floor	1,316	938
12	I 03	Third Floor	1,352	963
13	K 04	Fourth Floor	1,120	798

Sl No.	Unit No.	Floor No.	Super Built Up Area (in sq.ft.,)	Undivided Share of Land (in sq.ft.)
14	D 08	Eighth Floor	1,402	999
15	E 08	Eighth Floor	1,512	1,077
16	A 09	Ninth Floor	1,662	1,184
17	B 09	Ninth Floor	1,595	1,136
18	C 09	Ninth Floor	1,545	1,101
19	D 09	Ninth Floor	1,402	999
20	E 09	Ninth Floor	1,512	1,077
21	F 09	Ninth Floor	1,616	1,151
22	G 09	Ninth Floor	1,316	938
23	H 09	Ninth Floor	1,280	912
24	I 09	Ninth Floor	1,352	963
25	J 09	Ninth Floor	1,212	864
26	K 09	Ninth Floor	1,120	798

Item No:02 : Exclusive charge on the Project Receivables (of both Sold and Unsold) of the project **"SOLUS-2".**

*with further interest @ 24% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 15.07.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd

KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
(Recognized by UGC vide Order No. F.No. 14-5/2018 (DEB-1), Dated: 14-08-2018)
Mukthagangotri, Mysore.

No. KSOU/Dean-SC/LSC/2216/2020-21 Date: 11-07-2020

Karnataka State Open University is the sole University to offer Open and Distance Education in the territorial jurisdiction of Karnataka as per the orders of the State Government (Published in Karnataka State Gazette on 19-06-2020, Ref: No. DPAL 35 SHASANA 2020, Bengaluru, dated 19-06-2020).

Applications invited for the Establishment of Learner Support Centres / Study Centres

- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) is the sole University authorized by the State Government to offer Open and Distance Education within the territorial jurisdiction of Karnataka State. University has been enrolling students for the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes from Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce and Management and Science subjects. Besides, University also offers Post Graduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate Course.
- KSOU has been extending its support to the learners through the spheres of Main Campus, Regional Centers and Learner Support Centres (Study Centres).
- In order to effectively offer the Open and Distance Education throughout the State, the University has decided to establish Learner Support Centres at District and Taluk levels. It is in this context, applications are invited from eligible educational institutions for the establishment of Learner Support Centres.

For more details about eligibility conditions to apply, kindly visit University's official website **http://ksoumysuru.ac.in**

Sd/-, Registrar

PUBLIC CUM CAUTION NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **Sri. P. Suri Babu S/o Sri. P. Suraiah,** aged about 72 years, residing at No. 624, 3rd Block, 9th cross, 4th main, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangaluru-560097, is the absolute owner and in possession of the schedule property.

Whereas the said Sri. P. Suri Babu has lost the original of the **Sale deed** registered as Document no.7684/1995-96, in Book 1, volume no.5457, at pages 148 to 150, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, dated 30.01.1996, pertaining to the schedule property. Accordingly, Sri. P. Suri Babu has reported a police complaint in the jurisdictional Police station/on line on 22.06.2020, however the same could not be traced till now. Any person/s who finds the above said document, may kindly handover the same to the address mentioned below. It is cautioned to the general public that any person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, financial institutions, judicial authorities dealing with the said property based on the lost original document shall proceed at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Building site demarcated as Site no. F-126 in the Layout Plan approved by Bengaluru Development Authority in Survey No's. 53/1, 53/2, 54, 56/2, 57 to 62/1, 62/2, 62/3, 62/4, 62/5 62/6, 80/3, 80/4, 82/1, 82/2, and 82/3, 175,187,189 to 193, situated in **Herohalli village (Magadi Road), Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** Site measuring East 12.20 mtrs West 12.20 mtrs, North 18.30 mtrs, South 18.30 mtrs totally, 223.26 Sq mtrs, and bounded on
East by : Road, **West by :** Site No. 157,
North by : Site No. 125, **South by :** Site No. 127.

NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate,
#62, AECS Layout, Gedalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094
Ph: 23411958, Mob: 9886755278.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to transact with the Schedule Property below mentioned.

Any person/s claiming to have any right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and / or any part thereof, is required to intimate the same, together with true copies of all documentary evidence/ proof in support thereof, to the undersigned, at the address given below, within **21 (Twenty One) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our Certificate of Title will be issued without any reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece of the converted land for Industrial (Hitech) purpose vide Conversion Order dated 14th October 2015, bearing No: ALN : (S.B.) (B.H.) / SR / 9 / 2015-16 for Sy. No. 36/18 measuring 13 Guntas, situated at Doddanagamangala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on:

East by	Land in Survey No. 36 / 23B,
West by	Land in Survey No. 39,
North by	Land in Survey No. 36 / 15 and Road, and
South by	Land in Survey No. 36 / 16 and 36 / 17.

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Sowmya & Associates
Solicitors and Advocates
No.183 (Old No.31), 5th Main, 8th Cross, Bull Temple Road, NR Colony, Bangalore 560 019

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TRACKING COVID-19

The government has announced ₹10,000 monthly Covid risk incentive for Group D employees working at Covid Health Centres, CCC and Covid hospitals administered by the Health and Medical Education Departments, for six months.

1,142 NEW RECOVERIES

17,390 TOTAL RECOVERED

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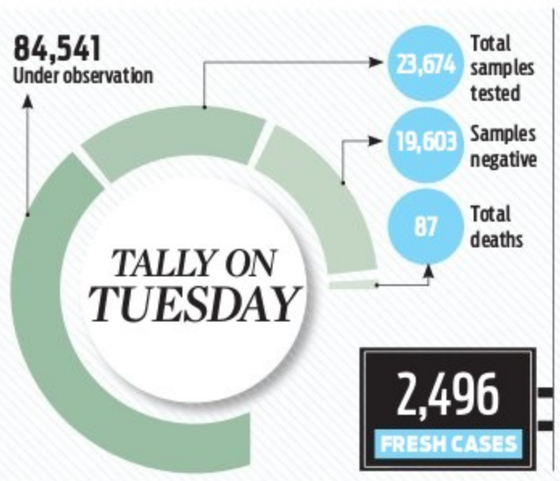

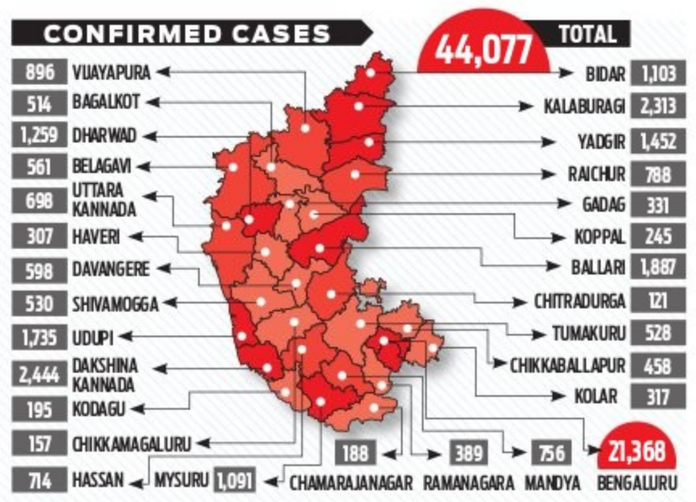

Hospitals can't turn away suspect cases

If order violated, hospitals to be booked under KPME Act, says govt • Apollo, Vikram face punitive action

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HOSPITALS should mandatorily admit patients and not deny treatment, and if they violated the order, they will be booked under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act and Disaster Management Act, stated a government circular on Tuesday.

Even if a patient has not yet given samples for a Covid test, hospitals are expected to admit him/her as a Covid suspect and keep them in isolation wards in the Covid part of the hospital.

After the test results are out and if found positive, patients should be shifted to a Covid ward. The same rule applies to ambulances too and they cannot refuse to shift a patient to a hospital once the 108 helpline gets a call of a patient in distress.

If an asymptomatic, positive patient calls 108, he/she needs to give details or show a message received on the phone or through Arogya Setu app to prove that they have tested positive. The ambulance will then pick them up and drop them at Covid Care Centres.

If the patient needs to be shifted from a CCC to a designated hospital, the ambulance needs to come and pick up the patient.

OPDs of 2 pvt hospitals shut for 48 hrs after denying treatment to patients

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OUTPATIENT Departments (OPDs) of two private hospitals have been sealed for 48 hours for reportedly denying treatment to Covid 19 patients. Also, Vikram Hospital on St Millers Road and Apollo Speciality Hospitals in Jayanagar had failed to respond to a show-cause notice issued by District Health Officer Dr Gulur Srinivas.

A circular by the DHO stated that that the two hospitals had denied treatment to Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Influenza Like Illness (ILI) patients and had violated the norms mentioned under Epidemic Act 1897, Disaster Management Act 2005 and Karnataka Private Medical Establishment (KPME) Act. As they had also failed to revert to the show-cause notice, the action was initiated, it added.

Dr Srinivas said, "During a meeting with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on June 29, the hospitals had agreed to set aside 50% of beds for Covid patients. As they had not honoured the agreement, we served them the notice, which was not replied to. Now we have sealed the OPDs, and if they fail to dedicate beds within these 48 hours, their licences will be cancelled."

Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey said, "Private hospital should cooperate with the government to ensure that no Covid patient is denied treatment."

Dr Govindaiah Yatheesh, Unit Head, Apollo Hospitals, Jayanagar, issued a statement, saying, "Apollo Specialty Hospital Jayanagar is a Dedicated Covid Hospital. It is a 100-bed facility and 50% of beds are allocated for Govt. referral patients. We have operationalised 60 beds out of which 30 are allocated to Govt. referral patients. But on the day we opened it for Covid patients, our hospital beds filled up in 24 hours. As of now we have nine Govt. referral patients from BBMP and 40 are direct walk-in patients with symptoms of ILI & SARI. Some were presented to the hospital in very critical conditions. We have to treat because of clinical condition compulsion. Against discharge, we would allot the beds to Govt. referred patients by BBMP. We are opening up the hospital to full strength in a phased manner as we are facing an acute shortage of staff. The entire unit of Apollo Hospitals, Jayanagar has been dedicated for Covid-19 treatment, and we are operating in full capacity now."

A spokesperson from Vikram Hospital said the hospital didn't want to comment on this issue.

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MAKING MATTERS PUBLIC

BBMP LISTS OUT AVAILABLE BEDS, HOSPITALS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SOON after the Karnataka High Court pulled up the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and state government for denying treatment to patients because of lack of beds, the corporation made the information public on its website.

Late on Monday evening, the BBMP had announced the number of beds available in general and ICU wards in the city on its dashboard. By Tuesday afternoon, it also listed the hospitals and number of beds available at each.

According to the website, 3,155 beds are reserved in general wards, 2,071 in HDU and 316 in ICUs. Also, 1,121 general ward beds are occupied, 1133 in the HDU and 79 in the ICU. In all, 2,034 beds are available in general wards, 938 in HDU and 237 in ICU. The BBMP has also blocked 128 general beds, 15 HDU and one ICU bed.

But citizens complained that it is of no use as the portal keeps crashing and shows errors while uploading the data in times of crises.

Officials working on the dashboard said that the numbers keep changing real-time depending on the demand and supply. This, and the high server load have been crashing the website, they added.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar said the data was uploaded for people to have a sense of confidence.

"This does not mean that everyone tested positive can be admitted to the hospital. Based on medical advice and after a thorough examination of the patients, the beds will be allotted. Not every patient needs to be admitted. Many under strict home or institutional quarantine too can get cured. For further assistance, mini-covid care centres in each community and ward are being set up," he added.

CRY FOR HELP

Breathless, helpless for 2 days: Mom-daughter's virus struggle goes viral

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

VEENA Kumari (28) and her mother Sidda Lakshmi from Hebbal in Bengaluru tested positive for Covid-19 after a relative died from the disease on July 8. What followed was a nightmare for the mother-daughter duo, who had to run from pillar-to-post to get treated. Even after two days of trying, not a single ambulance or Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) official came to their help.

Out of desperation, Veena recorded a video where she is seen crying and begging authorities for help, as both mother and daughter were breathless, giddy and coughing. "My mother is tired, has BP, sugar and is unable to hear. For two days, we have been calling the BBMP and 108. They are asking us for a doctor's confirmation on bed availability. We don't have any contacts or enough money. We only have our BPL cards," Veena says in the video.

Without a Bangalore Urban (BU code) assigned to them, hospitals the 28-year-old reached out to asked them to register themselves with the BBMP. "How can we go to the BBMP office when we are Covid-positive," she asked. When she enquired with BBMP officials to admit her at GKVK Covid Care Centre, they reportedly asked her to get a doctor's confirmation on bed availability.

Even getting their Covid test results was a task. While Veena received her report on July 12, her mother's report was pending. "We had to put pressure on the hospital to release the 55-year-old's report, which finally came on July 13 at midnight. We called many people to help them find a bed, including Byatarayanapura MLA Krishna Byre Gowda," said Jnanendra Kumar, a family friend.

Finally, after the heart-wrenching viral video was aired on local TV channels and brought to the notice of higher authorities such as the BBMP Commissioner, an ambulance was sent for them on Tuesday afternoon, and they were taken to Koramangala Indoor Stadium.

However, their ordeal didn't end there. There was no one to attend to them, bathrooms were filthy, no doctors to attend to them, and no facilities available. When Jnanendra raised the issue with BBMP officials, they were shifted to St Martha's Hospital.

"We got them tested by crowdfunding money. They will not be able to afford the charges at St Martha's unless they are covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. We will shift them to another hospital tomorrow if it turns out to be unaffordable, but for now, they can get some immediate medical attention," he said.

A row of ambulances outside a private hospital in Bengaluru | MEGHANA SASTRY

Karnataka's death toll up, hits 600 in 2 weeks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA clocked 600 deaths in the July 1-14 fortnight, the highest number the State has recorded in such a short span of time. This brings the total number of Covid deaths to 842, with the fatality rate at 1.82%.

The State also saw a high number of discharges in a single day — 1,142 patients — with Bengaluru Urban contributing 664 discharges. The positive cases recorded on Tuesday stood at 2,496, while so far, the total cases recorded are 44,077.

Bengaluru Urban recorded 1,267 cases, all of which are contact under tracing. Among the 87 Covid deaths recorded on Tuesday, 56 were from Bengaluru Urban, with the district fatality rate stood at 1.63%.

Mysuru recorded 125 cases, the second highest number of cases, followed by Kalaburagi with 121 cases and Dharwad with 100 cases. Ballari saw 99 cases, Koppal 98 cases, Dakshina Kannada recorded 91 cases, Bagalkote 78 and and Udupi 73 cases. Uttara Kannada and Belagavi recorded 64 cases each.

Bengalureans queue up outside a supermarket in Malleswaram on Tuesday ahead of the week-long lockdown in the state capital | SHRIRAM BN

HC: Do govt staff have spl testing facility?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

TAKING note of the fact that public servants, who are working during the lockdown, are at risk of contracting Covid-19, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday asked the State government to inform whether there was any special facility for them to undergo Covid test. These include staff of the BBMP, courts, police and other departments.

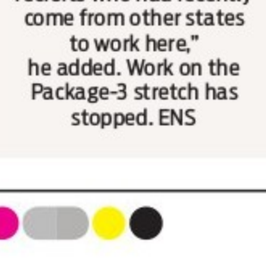
This is among the important directions issued by a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe, after hearing PILs on Covid-19 issues.

Directing the state and BBMP to clarify whether an adequate number of doctors and nurses are available to manage the situation, the bench directed them to give publicity about data of real-time availability of beds, on the website (http://chbms.bbmpgov.in/portal/reports/).

The bench also directed them to explain certain grey areas. First, the helpline 1912 to receive complaints on Covid is basically a helpline established by Bescom, which receives around 25,000 calls per day during the monsoon. The bench directed the State to clarify how many dedicated lines are available to receive complaints on availability of beds, and the mechanism available to provide beds.

The bench also directed them to clarify whether public or private hospitals will admit citizens immediately on showing the text message received on testing positive, without waiting for a 'BU' (Bengaluru Urban) code to be generated by BBMP.

COVID WATCH



80 METRO WORKERS TEST POSITIVE

Bengaluru: A total of 80 workers employed on a stretch of the Nagawara-Gottigere Metro Line (Reach-6) of Phase-2, tested positive for Covid-19 recently. Now, work on the stretch — Shivajinagar to Tannery Road — has come to a halt. The contractor L&T conducted tests on nearly 200 workers in one camp after a worker tested positive. "The results came on Thursday. All those who tested positive have been sent to GKVK CCC. Their contacts have been identified," Chief Public Relations Officer, BMRCL, B L Yashvanth Chavan said. "Many of those who tested positive, were new recruits who had recently come from other states to work here," he added. Work on the Package-3 stretch has stopped. ENS

Covid suspect given Rs 9.09 lakh estimate by Bengaluru hospital

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

THE family of a Covid suspect was in for a shock when a hospital in Whitefield quoted an estimated bill of Rs 9.09 lakh for 10 days in ICU with a ventilator. The 67-year-old man, who was waiting for a Covid test, developed breathlessness and was rushed to Columbia Asia Hospital. But after a look at the estimated bill, the family chose not to admit him there.

The break-up of the bill included Rs 1.40 lakh for ventilator, Rs 3 lakh for medicines, medical supplies and consumables, Rs 2 lakh for laboratory investigations, Rs 75,000 for room rent, Rs 75,000 towards professional fee, Rs 58,500 for nursing charges, Rs 35,000 for radiology investigations and physiotherapy, and Rs 25,000 for equipment and surgical items.

The hospital authorities told the family that it was just an estimate and the actual bill could be higher in the event of complications, unanticipated extension of stay and comorbidities.

Abdul Basir, a patient's relative, said, "My uncle was tested on Sunday and we were waiting for the result. On Monday, he started gasping for breath. Columbia Asia Hospital told us they had an ICU bed and we rushed him to the emergency care. When they showed us the estimate, we were shocked."

He said, "We discussed within the family and decided that we could not afford the amount. We contacted NGO Mercy Mission who got us in touch with Dr Taha Mateen of HBS Hospital. We got him admitted there for Rs 25,000. Hospitals should not take advantage when emotions are running high. They need to subsidise the rates for Covid suspects as well."

On Tuesday morning, his uncle tested positive.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said action will be taken against the hospital. Commissioner for Health Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that District Health Officer Dr Srinivas will conduct an inquiry.

Dr Chaitanya Pathania, General Manager, Columbia Asia Hospital, Whitefield, said the elderly patient came to the hospital with fever and respiratory distress. "He also had diabetes and hypertension, and was tentatively diagnosed as Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, due to a viral or bacterial cause. At that stage he was not confirmed Covid nor was he referred by the government. In such a situation, patients are given only the estimate. This does not mean that any final bill or costing was provided. Patients, once confirmed to be Covid-positive, are treated in conformity with the government rules and regulations which Columbia Asia commits to follow with no exception," he said.

Hospitals should not take advantage when emotions are running high. They need to subsidise the rates for Covid suspects as well
Abdul Basir, Covid patient's relative

The Hyderabad Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (HKCCI) has requested the State Government not to implement the amended APMC Act and drop the plan to levy 1% APMC Cess on transactions in the market

Addl chief secy apologises to court over food for needy

HC raps official for not taking BBMP to task for defying orders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department on Tuesday tendered an apology before the Karnataka High Court and assured the bench that they would correct themselves.

Appearing through video conference before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Alok Aradhe, the Additional Chief Secretary also assured the court that they were identifying the needy in the containment zones so as to provide them with food packets and essential services. "As of now, we have identified about 10,000 people," he submitted.

Rapping the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for its insensitivity in managing more than 3,000 containment zones in the city and defying orders passed on the same, the bench on Monday summoned the Additional Chief Secretary and BBMP Commissioner after hearing a batch of PILs related to Covid-19.

Accordingly, both the officials appeared through video conference. The bench asked the Additional Chief Secretary why the State has been a mute spectator when the BBMP defied court orders. It also asked why the State was not taking action against the BBMP.

The Additional Chief Secretary tendered an apology. Thereafter the matter was adjourned to Wednesday to enable the State and BBMP to file a statement to that effect.

Meanwhile, the BBMP Commissioner informed the court that they have placed an order for 25,000 food kits for the needy in containment zones. On Monday, the bench said that that the BBMP has not even taken an effort to identify the needy in more than 3,000 containment zones.

LOCKDOWN PERILS

Three held for robbing people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Hennur police arrested three men recently for allegedly robbing commuters at night during the lockdown. The accused had committed 20 offences in the past three months, the police said. The accused Arfath Ahmed aliad Mohammed Arfath (26) and Ravi alias Ravikumar (22) are residents of KG Halli, and Ameen alias Kalli Ameen (28) is from of Frazer Town.

Police said that cases of robbery had increased in Banasawadi, KR Puram and Frazer Town during and after the lockdown. The police gathered information and nabbed the accused.

"Investigations revealed that the accused targeted lone riders and drivers on ring roads and attacked them at night. They assaulted them with lethal weapons and robbed them. With their arrest, 15 robbery cases and five vehicle theft cases were solved. Two other accused are absconding," the police said.

EXPRESS READ

Truck driver runs over security guard, flees

Bengaluru: A security guard at a toll plaza was run over by a truck in Nelamangala on Monday. The deceased, Jagadish (42), was a resident of Nelamangala Town. A police officer said the truck ran him over as he was crossing the road to get water from the plaza office. Police are on the hunt for the driver. ENS

Man stabs girl to death for spurning him

ENS @Bengaluru

A 17-year-old girl was stabbed to death by her lover in Girinagar on Tuesday. Police arrested the accused who works as a waiter in a club. The deceased, Narmada, a resident of Jaibharath Nagar, was a PUC student. The accused, Muniraju alias Abhi Gowda (23), is a resident of Rajajinagar. A police officer said the incident took place around 9 pm when Narmada and her brother came to a shop nearby to buy stationary.

Then, Gowda took her to his friend's house in Dwarakanagar. The duo started fighting as she had reportedly been avoiding him for three months. When he assaulted her, she retaliated. Gowda took a kitchen knife and stabbed her repeatedly. The house owner, Vishwanath, heard her screams and rushed to the spot. He found her lying in a pool of blood. Gowda fled and based on Vishwanath's complaint, police nabbed him on Tuesday. Based on Gowda's confession the police are probing further.

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NOTIFICATION - OUTSOURCED POSTS

Applications are invited for the posts of **Arogyamitra** in various hospitals of Bengaluru Urban on Outsourced basis on behalf of **Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Department of Health & Family Welfare for immediate appointment.**

Sl.No.	Designation	No. of Posts	Qualification & Experience	Remuneration
1.	Arogyamitras	200	Any Graduate / Diploma in Pharmacy / Paramedical / Diploma in Nursing. Preference will be given to Degree in Life Science / Diploma in Nursing / Paramedical candidates. Minimum 2 Years Experience in relevant Field.	Rs. 20,000/-

1. **Additional Qualification required :-**
   (a) Basic Computer Knowledge in MS Office, Excel, PPT etc. with good communication skill in Kannada mandatory.
   (b) Candidates shall submit typed Application along with the copies of all the relevant certificates mentioned below may be emailed to **navodaya.sast@gmail.com**
   (i) Resume
   (ii) SSLC Certificate (self-attested)
   (iii) Copies of relevant certificates and testimonials in support of qualification and reservation if claimed (self-attested).
   (iv) Experience certificate issued by the concerned organization.
   (v) Copy of ID Proof such as Aadhar, Driving License, Voter ID Card, PAN etc.
2. **Selection :-**
   (a) Applications will be Shortlisted 1:3 (based on merit of qualification & experience).
   (b) Candidates who have been **Shortlisted** will be called for an online interaction on **17th and 18th July 2020.**
   (c) Interview will be conducted through **Google Duo App.**
   (d) An online computer test will be administrated and marks obtained in the test will be considered for ranking.
   (e) The post qualification experience will only be considered. Mere possession of experience does not confer any right to be called for interaction/selection.
   (f) Knowledge of Kannada is a must.

Manager (HR),
M/s. Navodaya Service Centre, Bangalore.
Date: 14-07-2020

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No. KMSCL/HR/314/2016 Dated :14.07.2020

Expression of Interest - Medical Insurance

Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd. invites Expression of Interest for implementing the Medical Insurance benefit to employees working in the Corporation. In this regard offers are invited from interested insurance companies for implementing the scheme. The date for submission of offers are extended to 22.07.2020 to The Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Thycadu P.O., Thiruvananthapuram- 695014 .

(Sd/-) Managing Director

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No. BDA/EE(EL)/AEE(EL)/541/2020-21 Dated: 10.07.2020

CORRIGENDUM No.1

Annual Maintenance of LED/SV Streetlight accessories and electrical distribution network at Anjanapura 1st to 11th Block for the year of 2020-21 **(Reserved for SC Category).**
Tender No.: BDA/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT1424, Dated: 20.06.2020.
This is in continuation of Tender Notification cited under reference; the Tender Calendar of events is modified as under.

Sl. No.	Existing Calendar of Events	Modified Calendar of Events
1	Last date and time of submission by uploading the filled tender document: 13.07.2020, 5.00 p.m.	Last date and time of submission by uploading the filled tender document: **20.07.2020, 5.00 p.m.**
2	Date and time of opening of tenders (Technical & Financial bid): 15.07.2020, 5.00 p.m.	Date and time of opening of tenders (Technical & Financial bid): **22.07.2020, 5.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (El),
Electrical Division, BDA, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/TN/14/2020-21

THE MALLESHWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E-Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Malleshwaram Co – Operative Bank Ltd.** H.O # 102, 7th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. **Sri G. Maniprakash,** under the securitization and Reconstruction of under Section. 13 (2), read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 23.10.2018** calling upon the **Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr. C.S. Raghunath Rao** S/o Late Srinivas Rao C L, **2) Mrs. Subbalakshmi** W/o Raghunath Rao C S, **3) Mr. Srinivas R**, S/o Raghunath Rao C S all are residing at No.346, 7th Main, 5th Cross, Coffee Board Layout, Kempapura, Bengaluru-560024 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 61,08,448/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Four Hundreden Forty Eight only) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Said Barrowers of the property failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Barrowers of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said rules on this **14th day of July 2020.**

The Barrowers of the property in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Malleshwaram Bank Ltd, Malleshwaram Branch** for the amount of **Rs. 61,63,764/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundreden Sixty Four only) as on **30.06.2020** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Site No.346, in the layout plan approved by the BDA in several Sy No's 10/3,4,11/1,12/2,6,13/1,4,5,14/1,2, 15/1,2,4,16/1,2,17/1A, 1B and 18/2, 3 at Kempapur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk named as Coffee Board Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Layout, BBMP Katha No.707/346, Bengaluru including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed on the site measuring: East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet, Total Area: 1200 Square Feet. and bounded on: East by : Site No.345, West by : Site No.347, North by : Site No.333, South by : Road.

Date: 14.07.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
The Malleshwaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IRRIGATION DIVISION

No.981/PW/EE/ID/JE(P)-33/2020 - 2021 Puducherry, the 14.07.2020

SHORT PRESS NOTICE FOR e-TENDER

On behalf of the President of India e-Tenders are invited from the eligible contractor / firms by the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Public Works Department, Puducherry, for following works :

(1) **Rejuvenation and Deepening of tanks located in Mannadipet Commune and Nettapakkam Commune, Puducherry (3 works) for Rs.34,31,801/-**
(2) **Improvement including lining both sides of upper drain between Kamaraj Salai junction to Vanarapet Foot Bridge, Puducherry (2 Works) for Rs.10,63,15,400/-**
(3) **Desilting the Rural Channels in the jurisdiction of irrigation Division (2 Works) for Rs,11,11,454/-**

(i)	Availability of NIT in the website from to		11.00 A.M. on 17.07.2020 04.00 P.M. on 27.07.2020.
(ii)	Closing Time for submission of Tender	: 27.07.2020	04.00 P.M.
(iii)	Date & Time of opening of Tender	: 28.07.2020	11.00 A.M.

For further details please refer to the website **https://pudutenders.gov.in**

No.089/DIP/AD(Press)/2020-21 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, IRRIGATION DIVISION**

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **VIKKAS CHAND AGARWAL**, resident of 657, 30th Main, 14th Cross, 1st Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078, have changed my name from **VIKAS AGARWAL** to **VIKKAS CHAND AGARWAL.** Vide affidavit dated 14-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ranganatha Gowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. VIKKAS CHAND AGARWAL**, resident of 657, 30th Main, 14th Cross, 1st Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078, has changed my minor daughter name from **TESU AGARWAL** to **TESUU AGARWAL.** Vide affidavit dated 14-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ranganatha Gowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMITHRAMMA**, W/o. M. Sridhar, aged about 39 years, residing at No. 60C, 1st Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 040, Here by declare that the names **SUMITHRAMMA** and **S. SUMA** belonging to myself only I here by declare and confirm that my name is **SUMITHRAMMA** and **S. SUMA.** Vide affidavit dated 14-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S.KASTHURI,** Spouse of No. 1340666W Ex Sep Bhaskara Reddy, resident of No. 920, 2 H Cross, 10th Main, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **S.KASTHURI** to **KASTHURI.B.** vide affidavit dated 13/07/2020 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

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I, **SHIVBASAVVA,** M/o Army No. 14844518L, SEP/MT, Goudappa.B. Dodagoudar, residing at Madanabhavi, Madanabhavi Nesargi, Bailhongal, Belgaum-591121, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **SHIVABASAVVA DODAGOUDAR** vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2020 before Notary Harisha.G., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BASANAGOUDA,** F/o Army No. 14844518L, SEP/MT, Goudappa.B. Dodagoudar, residing at Madanabhavi, Madanabhavi Nesargi, Bailhongal, Belgaum-591121, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **BASANAGOUDA GOUDAPPA DODAGOUDAR** vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2020 before Notary Harisha.G., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **POORNIMA,** W/o Army No. 14844518L, SEP/MT, Goudappa.B. Dodagoudar, residing at Madanabhavi, Madanabhavi Nesargi, Bailhongal, Belgaum-591121, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **POORNIMA GOUDAPPA DODAGOUDAR** vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2020 before Notary Harisha.G., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GANESAN,** S/o. G.Pichai, R/ at. No.13, 7th Main, Puniyabhoomi Layout, Kalkere Bangalore-560043 have changed my daughter's name from **G.SMRITASRI** to **SMRITHASRI.G** vide affidavit dated 11.7.2020 sworn to before notary C.Sharada Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M.P. AISHWARYA** D/o. S.Palani R/at. No.34, Manjunatheshwra Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Central Excise Layout, Bangalore North, Vijaynagar, Bangalore-560040 have changed my name from **NALINI.P** to **M.P.AISHWARYA,** vide affidavit dated 28/05/2020 sworn to before notary H.S.Sakalesharadhya Bangalore-40

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-1/2020-21/F-/1921-32 Date: 14.07.2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against this office TENDER INDENT No. Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2020-21/TL/WORK_INDENT6965/**Call-2** for Providing one no. of D/C "DB+3" type intermediate tower in existing 110kV Athani – Satti Single Circuit line in between location No.102 to 105 TLM Sub-division Belagavi of TL&SS Division KPTCL Belagavi including Supply, Erection and Civil Works such as concreting of foundations for erection of tower under the jurisdiction of The Superintending Engineer Electy., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Belagavi. The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "e-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging on to e-procurement's website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 4:00pm on 15.07.2020.** Other details can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Ele., Transmission (W&M) Circle,
KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi-590010. Ph: 0831-2437101 & 2437099

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer-2 & 3, Lakes, Division
Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP,
N. R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No.EE-2&3(Lakes)/TN-02/2020-21 Date: 14-07-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK E-Procurement System only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Value of work	EMD
1.	Maintenance of Madiwala Lake (Deweeding the lake and maintenance) BBMP Grants.	Rs.100.00 Lakhs	Rs. 2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events : 1) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **27-07-2020. 2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **23-07-2020 at 15:00 hours. 3)** Opening of Technical Bids Tender Document : **29-07-2020 at 11:00 hours. 4)** Opening of Financial Bids: **30-07-2020 at 11:30 hours.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days and **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer-2 & 3, Lakes, BBMP.

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CIN: L65190MH2003PLC143249
Branch Office : Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturbaa Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE

Loan Account No. A/c No: AFH002200214235

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of YES Bank Limited, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notice dated **10th Dec 2019** under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the borrower **Mr. N T Rajesh, S/o K. N. Narayanamurthy,** residing at No.1800, 11th Main, 12th Cross, Nisarga Layout, Near Anjaneya Temple, Bannerghatta, Banglore-560083, and **also at #** 604/17, 14th, Main Road, Gokula 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Mathikere, Bangalore North, MSRIT, Bangalore-560054, and **also at** Catring Service Club, No.1800, 11th Main, 12th Cross, Nisarga Layout, Near Anjaneya Temple, Bannerghatta, Bangalore-560083, (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower" &"Mortgagor") and **Ms. Savitha, W/o Rajesh N.T, residing** at No.1800, 11th Main, 12th Cross, Nisarga Layout, Near Anjaneya Temple, Bannerghatta, Banglore-560083 (hereinafter referred to as "the Co-Borrower") to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs. 12,79,999/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Only)** being outstand as on **10.12.2019** together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from **11.12.2019** till the date of payment and / or realisation within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules on **13th July 2020.**

The borrower mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the mortgage of YES Bank Limited, for an amount of **Rs. 12,79,999/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Only)** being outstand as on **10.12.2019** together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from **11.12.2019.**

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset

Description Of The Property

All the piece and parcel of Vacant Site bearing No.15, Khata No.133/15, Formed in "Sri. Ganesh Enclave Phulse City" Carved out of Land bearing Survey Nos.45/1, 45/2A, 47/3, measuring about North to South: (9+9)/2 Meters, and East to West: (6+6)/2 Meters, Situated at Haragadde Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and **Bounded On.** North: Site No.23, South: Road, East: Site No.14 and, West: Site No.16

Place : Bangalore
Date : 13.07.2020

Sd/- (Authorized Officer)
YES BANK Limited

Bank of Baroda
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NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTOIN (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, Vijayanagar Branch, Bangalore,** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Borrower: M/s Star Products Prop: Sri Adnan Maved No.582, Kalika Nagar, Andrahalli, Viswaneedam Post, Bangalore-560091, Residing at No. 15, 1st Phase, 2nd Main, WOC Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.

Account No.: 122006341000004 **Limit Amt :Rs. 1,60,00,000/-**
Account No.: Adhoc Limit **Limit Amt :Rs.32,00,000/-**

Total Amount Outstanding : Rs.2,01,56,657.24 (Rupees Two Crore One Lakh fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven and Twenty Four Paisa Only) As on **15.05.2020** The Outstanding stated above exclude further drawings and interest upto Rate of Interest **11.70%pa**

NPA Date : 01.10.2019 **Demand Date : 26.06.2020**

Security agreement with brief description of securities, Property-1: Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and Parcel of land constructed on the immovable property bearing Nos. 11,12,15 and 16 Old Khata No. 341/48/11,12,15 and 16and Nos. 13 & 14, Old Khata No. 305/48/13/14, carved out of the residential convertd land bearing survey No. 48, converted vide official memorandum bearing reference No. BD is ALN(E)(B) SR. 585960/2007-08, dated 18.02.2008, by the special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore district. situated at Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli, bangalore East taluk and Now coming within the limits of Bangalore Bruhat Mahanagara Palike and assigned with consilidated Khata No. 653,654/48/11,12,15,16,13 & 14 and bounded in the East by: 60 feet Main Road, West by: Storm Water Drain, North by: 30 feet wide road, South by: 30 feet wide road, and measuring East to West: 110 feet, North to South: 80 feet, totally in all measuring 8800 sq. feet. **Schedule "B" Property:** 2338% of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in the Schedule "A" property, herein above referred to which works out to 205.128 square feet. **Schedule "C" Property:** A two Beadroom Apartment bearing No. FF-103 on the first Floor, having a super built-up area of 1000 sq feet along with one, reserved car park space bearing no. FF-103 in the stilt floor of the multistored Residential apartment building known as "Galaxy Residency" constructed on the Schedule "A" property, with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common use with right to pass through all the common passages leading to road and free for egress and ingress at all times and entitled for all common areas and amenities subject to prompt payment of maintenance charges.

Property-2: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No. 16, situated at Andrahalli village Assessment, No. 12/1, Khata No. 12/1/16/17, now within the limits of BBMP, ward No. 40, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: Northern side 40 feet and Southern side: 30 feet and north to South: Eastern side 30 feet and Western side 50 feet, in all total measuring 1400 sq. ft. and bounded on East by: 20 feet road, West by: Site No. 18 and 19, North by : government kaluve: South by: Site No. 17, **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No. 17, situated at Andrahalli village Assessment No. 12/1, Khata No. 12/1/16/17, now within the limits of BBMP ward No. 40, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to south: 40 feet, in al total measuring 1200 sq. ft. and bounded on East by: 20 feet Road, West by: Site No. 18 and 19, North by: Site No. 16, South by: Road.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 14.07.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders under two bid system are invited through e-Procurement Portal of G.O.K. from interested Companies for the following:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	E M D Rs. Ps.
1.	Providing Hoarding for Nandini ads on Annual Rate Contract.	24 No.s	50,000
2.	Nandini ads on Bus Shelters (lit and non- lit) on Annual Rate Contract.	5 No	25,000
3.	Fixing and Maintaining of Pole Kiosks Ads	BULK	50,000
4.	Supply of Mango Pulp on Annual Rate Contract	30 Tons	50,000
5.	Supply of Hydrogen Peroxide (H_2O_2 35% Concentration, Food Grade)on Annual Rate Contract	3,000 Kg	25,000
6.	Supply of U.G. Aluminum Armoured Cables (400 Sq.mm x 3 ½ Core)	275 Mtrs	15,000

The Last Date for Submission of Bids is : **21.07.2020 by 4.00 PM.**
Date of Opening of Technical Tender : **on 22.07.2020 at 4.30PM**
Date of Opening of Commercial Tender : **Will be intimated later**

Item-wise detailed Tender Form cost is as per e-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Further details can be had from e-Procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in,** Helpdesk Phone **08046010000, 08022631200** and email support: **support@ihelpdsk.com**

Place: Mangalore
Date: 14.07.2020

Sd/-, **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

1, Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines, Prayagraj-211001

No.CORES21055597 Dtd.: 14.07.2020

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to E-tender notice No.: CORES21055597 due to be opened on **19.05.2020** for supply of 21.6/30.24 MVA, 132/27 KV, 50HZ Traction Power Transformer. The **Due date** may be read as follows:

Sr.No.	FROM	TO
1	Due date 16.07.2020	Due date 27.07.2020

Note:- For details of delivery please refer tender documents on ireps.
(All other terms and conditions of the tender notice are remain unchanged).

PR/449/2020 (FA)

Principal Chief Materials Manager CORE/Prayagraj

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ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

APMSIDC, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District-522503

Tenders are invited through e-procurement platform (online)

Tender No: 63 (20-21)/APMSIDC/ Medicine Wing / 2020-22, Dt: 14.07.2020.
Tender is invited through e-procurement platform (online) for Procurement of Viral Transport Media from Manufacturing Units / Distributors on Rate contact for a period of two years.

Tender No: 64 (20-21)/APMSIDC/ Medicine Wing / 2020-22, Dt: 14.07.2020.
Tender is invited through e-procurement platform (online) for Procurement of Iron with Folic Acid Small sugar coated Tablets (pink) from Manufacturing Units on Rate contact for a period of two years.

For complete details, please visit Website: **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in from 14.07.2020.**

APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tenders at any time without assigning any reasons.

DIPR No. 178PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21 Dt: 14/07/2020 **Sd/- Managing Director**

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No. BDA/EE(EL)/AEE(EL)/539/2020-21 Dated: 10.07.2020

ADDENDUM NO.1

Annual Maintenance of LED/SV Streetlight accessories and electrical distribution network at Anjanapura 1st to 11th Block for the year of 2020-21.
Tender No.BDA/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT 1424 Dated:20.06.2020.
This is in continuation of Tender Notification cited under reference, the Tender nomenclature is modified as under.

Sl.No.	Work Name as in Tender	As Amended
1	Annual Maintenance of LED/ SV Streetlight accessories and and electrical distribution network at Anjanapura 1st to 11th Block for the year of 2020-21.	Annual Maintenance of LED/ SV Streetlight accessories and electrical distribution network at Anjanapura 1st to 11th Block for the year of 2020-21 **(Reserved for SC Category)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.), Electrical Division, BDA, Bengaluru

BDA/PRO/TN/12/2020-21

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, Queens Road, Bangalore

No: EE/SJN/Quotation/30//2020-21 Date : 13.07.2020

INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF CONCRETE PANEL ITEMS

SUB:- INVITING QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF CONCRETE PANEL ITEMS.

Sealed competitive quotations are invited by the undersigned for the following concrete Panel Items.

Sl. No.	Brief specifications	Quantity (Sq.Mtr)	Rate Per Sq. Mtr	Delivery Period
1	**SLAB 230 mm total thickness** Providing and fixing in position, 230 mm thick factory-made expanded polystyrene core (EPS core), load bearing corrugated roof/floor panels made of 3 mm die. Zinc Coated G.I wire mesh with , 75mm-80 mm gap and connected by the zinc coated G.I wire of 3 mm die by welding (at an angle ranging from 50-70 degree) the EPS core shall consist of 120 mm thick Fire rated /coated EPS of density not less than 18 - 20 kg/per cum. The bottom site of the panel shall be finished by applying a layer of 35 mm thick cement mortar 1:3 (1 cement: 3 coarse sand (not having more than 40% stone chips of size upto 6 mm)) with the help of shotcreting equipment, etc. at a pressure of not less than 1 bar (100Kn/m2) and surface finished with trowel ready for Putty paint application. The top face of the panel shall be provided and finished by applying 75 mm thick layer of cement concrete 1:1.5:3 (1 cement: 1.5 coarse sand: 3 graded stone aggregate 20 mm nominal size). Fixing operations of floor/roof panels shall be completed in all respect as per drawings and specifications with concealed beams and concealed electrical conduits only (no wires and fittings)	4900.00		60 Days
2	**WALL 150 mm total thickness** Providing and fixing in position, 150 mm thick factory-made expanded polystyrene core (EPS core) , load bearing corrugated wall panels made of 3 mm die. Zinc Coated G.I wire mesh with , 75mm-80 mm gap and connected by the zinc coated G.I wire of 3 mm die by welding (at an angle ranging from 50-70 degree) the EPS core shall consist of 80 mm thick Fire rated /coated EPS of density not less than 18 - 20 kg/per cum. . Both the outer faces of the panel shall be finished by applying the layer of 35 mm thick cement mortar 1:3 (1 cement: 3 coarse sand (not having more than 40% stone chips of size upto 6 mm)). A with the help of shotcreting equipment, etc. at a pressure not less than 1 bar (100 Kn/m2) and both surfaces finished with trowel ready for application of Putty- paint from inside and good for stamping outside . Fixing operations of wall panels shall be completed in all respect as per drawings and specifications with concealed columns and concealed electrical conduits(no wires and fittings).	4888.00		60 Days
3	**WALL 100 mm total thickness - for internal walls and chajha (sun shades)** Providing and fixing in position, 100 mm thick factory-made expanded polystyrene core (EPS core) , load bearing corrugated wall panels made of 3 mm die. Zinc Coated G.I wire mesh with , 75mm-80 mm gap and connected by the zinc coated G.I wire of 3 mm die by welding (at an angle ranging from 50-70 degree) the EPS core shall consist of 50 mm thick Fire rated /coated EPS of density not less than 18 - 20 kg/per cum. . Both the outer faces of the panel shall be finished by applying the layer of 25 mm thick cement mortar 1:3 (1 cement: 3 coarse sand (not having more than 40% stone chips of size upto 6 mm)). A with the help of shotcreting equipment, etc. at a pressure not less than 1 bar (100 Kn/m2) and both surfaces finished with trowel ready for putty- paint application on both sides . Fixing operations of wall panels shall be completed in all respect as per drawings and specifications with concealed columns and concealed electrical conduits (no wires and fittings).	1077.00		60 Days
4	**COMPOUND WALL 100 mm total thickness - for internal walls and chajha (sun shades)** Providing and fixing in position, 100 mm thick factory-made expanded polystyrene core (EPS core) , load bearing corrugated wall panels made of 3 mm die. Zinc Coated G.I wire mesh with , 75mm-80 mm gap and connected by the zinc coated G.I wire of 2.5 mm die by welding (at an angle ranging from 50-70 degree) the EPS core shall consist of 50 mm thick Fire rated /coated EPS of density not less than 12 kg/per cum. . Both the outer faces of the panel shall be finished by applying the layer of 25 mm thick cement mortar 1:3 (1 cement: 3 coarse sand (not having more than 40% stone chips of size upto 6 mm)). A with the help of shotcreting equipment, etc. at a pressure not less than 1 bar (100 Kn/m2) and both surfaces finished with trowel ready for concrete stamping application on both sides . Fixing operations of wall panels shall be completed in all respect as per drawings and specifications.	300.00		60 Days

3. **Quoted Price:**
   (b) The Quotation shall quote for items in the format of quotation attached;
   Each Quotation must submit only one quotation
4. **Validity of quotations:**
   The quotation shall remain valid for a period not less than 30 days after the deadline fixed for submission of quotations.
5. **Evaluation of quotations:**
   The Purchaser will evaluate and compare the quotations determined to be substantially responsive i.e., which are properly signed, and conform to the terms and conditions and specifications in the following manner:
   (b) The evaluation will be done including the GST tax. If the tenderer has not included the GST tax in his quotation for the item rate, and has also not indicated the rate of GST applicable, the quoted rate will treated as though it is inclusive of the GST and no extra payment for Sales tax will be made;
   (b) The evaluation would be done for all the items put together. The items for which no rates have been quoted would be treated as zero and the total amount would be computed accordingly. The Quotation who has quoted for partial quantity of any one or more item(s) would be treated as non-responsive. Purchaser will award the contract to the responsive Quotation, whose total cost for all the items put together is the lowest.
6. **Award of contract:**
   (a) The Purchaser will award the contract to the Quotation whose quotation has been determined to be substantially responsive and who has offered the lowest price as per para 5(b) above.
   (b) The Purchaser reserves the right at the time of contract award to increase or decrease the quantities of any or all of the items indicated in para 1 above by 25% without any change in the unit price or any other terms and conditions.
   (c) The Purchaser prior to the expiration of the quotation validity period will notify the Quotation whose quotation is accepted of the award of contract. The terms of the accepted offer shall be incorporated in the Purchase order.
   (d) Normal commercial warranty/guarantee shall be applicable to the supplied goods;
   (e) Payment will be made after the delivery of the goods and their acceptance as per corporation regulations
   (f) Notwithstanding the above, the Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any quotations and to cancel the quotation process and reject all quotations at any time prior to the award of the contract.
7. **Last date and time of receipt of quotations:**
   You are requested to submit the sealed quotations super scribed on the envelope as " Quotations for the supply of Concrete Panel Items Due on 24-07-2020 latest by 4:30 pm. Quotations will be opened 27-07-2020.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Shivaji Nagar Division,
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE BIDAR

No APMC/BDR/DEV/ 296/2020-21 Date:10/07/2020

CORRIGENDUMM-3RD CALL

APMC Bidar has invented the tender through E-procurement vid Tender No APMC/ BDR/272/2020-21 Dated 01-07-2020 Indent No 4321/Call 3 tender under clouse 3.2(A)&(B) has made correction and uploaded on E- procurement plate form also Dated has postponed and published last date for the submission of filled in E-tender applications 20-07-2020- up to 4.00 pm, Date of opening of tender 22-07-2020 Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Bidar-585401 during working days and hours of through website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary, A.P.M.C. Bidar

Sd/- Chairman A.P.M.C. Bidar

DIP/Bidar/57/1/MC&A/2020-21

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

TOURISM DEPARTMENT

No. 5481 / TSM, Bhubaneswar, the 14.07.2020
TCT-TSP-EM-21-2020

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF CREATIVE AGENCY TO CONCEPTUALISE, PRODUCE AND ACTIVATE A CAMPAIGN TO ASSURE SAFE TOURISM IN ODISHA

R-04: The Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha is issuing this RFP to request techno-commercial bids from interested and eligible firms / agencies / organizations for Selection as Agency to conceptualise, shoot, edit and produce a promotional short-film for Odisha Tourism.

The bid should be submitted by interested parties to the Director, Tourism, Paryatan Bhawan, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-751014 on or before 31.07.2020 upto 03.00 PM. RFP document can be downloaded from the official website of the Authority **https://dot.odishatourism.gov.in?q=tender**

Sd/- Deputy Director & Dy. Secretary to Govt.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender No: BSCL/Tend-Notification/Parks& Gardens/2019-20/471 Date:14/07/2020

On behalf of the Managing Director Belagavi Smart City Limited Belagavi, bids are invited from eligible bidders through E-Procurement under KTPP Act 1999 for the below mentioned projects. Further details may be downloaded from the e-procurement website of Government of Karnataka (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.)

Name of the Works:1)Development of Parks at Mahabalesh war Park, Chikku Baugh Park, Mahalakshmi Temple Park, Poli ce colony Park and Sarathi Nagar Park in Belagavi City, Amo unt Put to Tender Rs.2.82 Cr, EMD: Rs.4.25 Lakhs. (Call-3)
1) The date from which document can be downloaded is – 16/ 07/2020 to 17/08/2020, 2) Last Date for Submission of Bid 17/08/2020 Up to 5.00 PM, 3) Last Date to receive Technical Queries - 31/07/2020 Up to 4.00 PM, 4) Pre Bid Meeting is on 03/08/2020 @11:30AM at BSCL office, 5) Technical Bid Opening is on 19/08/2020 At 11.00 AM, 6) Financial Bid Opening is on:29/08/2020 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-286/MCA/2020-21 **Belagavi Smart City Limited**

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sealed bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

S.No	Details of the Tender
1.	Implementation of scheme for dilution / mixing the treated tannery effluent conveyed from Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) at Pallavaram with the treated domestic sewage at Perungudi STP for TDS control and viable environmental management including operation and maintenance for 3 years - CNT/SEW/NCB/DEP/3336/2020-21 - Bid Security - Rs.5.12 Lakhs.
2.	Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person) : 20.07.2020 to 19.08.2020 Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone No.044-2845130, Extn.227) for Rs.5,250/- (including GST) - Through Website : www.tenders.tn.gov.in
3.	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : 24.07.2020 at 11.30 A.M.
4.	Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on 20.08.2020
5.	For all other details refer bid document in the website from **20.07.2020**

DIPR/2622 /Tender/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)

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ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
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At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

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Hospitals should mandatorily admit patients and not deny treatment, and if they violated the order, they will be booked under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act and Disaster Management Act, stated a government circular on Tuesday

Minister's name pops up in gold smuggling case

Accused Swapna and Jaleel had spoken over phone nine times in June

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

The phone call list of the gold smuggling accused Sarith P S and Swapna Suresh revealed that they had been in touch with M Sivasankar, former principal secretary to chief minister, and **Higher Education Minister K T Jaleel** from April to June period.

Swapna and Jaleel had spoken over phone nine times in June. While Swapna called Jaleel once and sent an SMS, Jaleel had called her back eight times. The call duration ranges from 64 seconds to 195 seconds. In the case of Sarith, he had called to Sivasankar over his mobile phone nine times and Sivasankar had called him back five times during the period ranging from April 20 to June 1. Their call duration ranges from 8 seconds to 755 seconds. The call list also confirmed that admin attaché of the UAE Consulate had also been in touch with the smuggling accused Swapna and Suresh. The tower location of Swapna has also confirmed that she was near the secretariat premise the day before she left Thiruvananthapuram. Although the connection between smuggling accused and Sivasankar and admin attaché was open, this is first time the name of Jaleel pops up in the case.

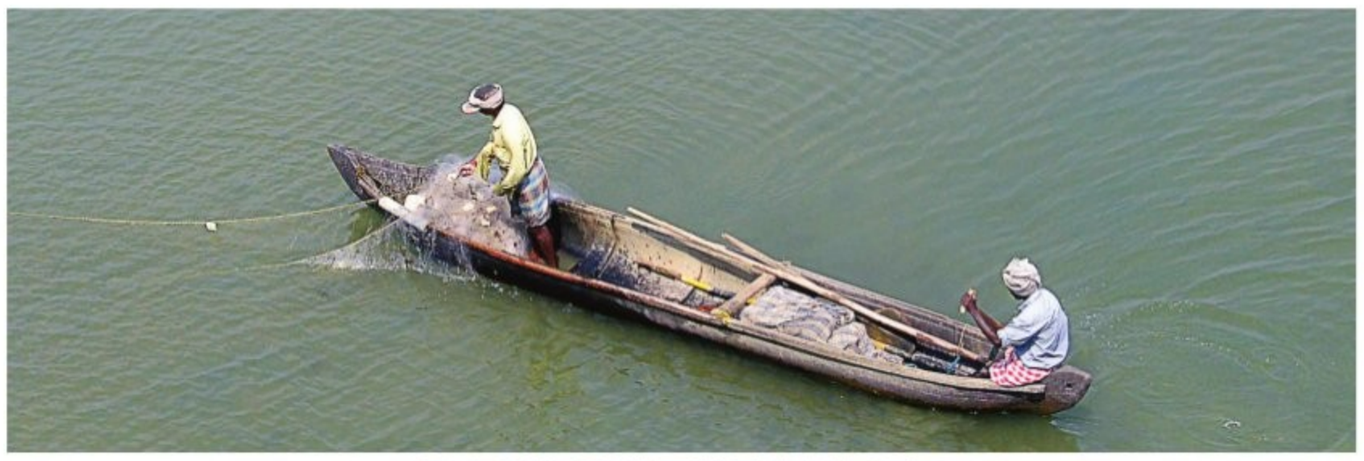
The accused also got in touch with the personal staff of Jaleel a few times over phone.

The UAE Consulate used to distribute food kits during Ramzan. The consul-general messaged me expressing his wish to distribute the food kits and I agreed. The consul-general messaged me that Swapna would contact me

KT Jaleel, Kerala minister

Contacted Swapna as asked by UAE consul-general: Jaleel

With reports coming in that he had contacted smuggling case accused Swapna Suresh on the phone eight times, Higher Education Minister K T Jaleel on Tuesday clarified that he had contacted her as directed by the UAE Consul-General in connection with distribution of Ramzan food kits by the consulate. The phone number of the minister's staff member was also in the call list of Sarith P S, another accused in the case. Jaleel said that he isn't aware of those calls.



BACK ON THE WATER

Two fishermen net fishing on a lake in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. Due to the trawling ban until July 31, small scale fishermen are dependent on lakes for temporary relief. The Kerala government has decided to allow traditional fishermen to resume fishing activities considering the sorry plight of the coastal community. The government is also considering a ban on fish brought from other states considering the risk involved | VINCENT PULICKAL

GAP REMAINS, ONLY 50 PER CENT SC/ST STUDENTS MAKE THE CUT

SCORE BOARD

SC CANDIDATES	2019	2020
	1,19,865 appeared	1,21,553 appeared
	51.9% passed	41.9% passed

ST CANDIDATES	2019	2020
	42,490 appeared	42,526 appeared
	53.3% passed	51% passed

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

THIS year, students from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe backgrounds have fared poorly, compared to their general category counterparts and own performance in 2019. This has widened the educational outcome gap. There is roughly a 20 percentage point difference between the two social groups.

Less than 50% of the 1.21 lakh SC students who wrote the board exam, cleared it this year, while just a little more than 50% of the 42,000-odd ST students passed. The general category, with 64,000-plus students, saw 71.60% pass percentage. Students from other backward categories clocked a pass percentage of 58% to 69%.

This drop in performance, and the fact that SC/ST pass percentage hovers around 50, is just the culmination of a deep-rooted systemic problem, say experts.

"A major problem is that SC/ST students are a burden on the state exchequer, and are intrinsically incapable of learning. This mindset operates at every level of education -- primary school to university," says Rajendran Prabhakar, executive director of NGO Marga, and convener of Nagara Vanchithara Vedike, a state-level forum of slum dwellers' organisations.

"First-generation learners are terribly discouraged," he adds, pointing to cases of Dalit children being made to wash toilets in Vijayapura district. "They are insulted and face discrimination in schools. Dignity is essential to their future," he says. These students usually opt out of education.

Even in urban slums, teachers are not encouraging. Students are asked questions such as "why can't you go work in a garage", says Prabhakar.

A lack of political will has ensured that the community leads a hand-to-mouth existence.

While Rs 30,000 crore is allocated for SC/ST upliftment, norms mandate that 40% be spent on education, 40% on employment and 20% on other welfare. In reality, 80% is spent on welfare (infrastructure, construction) work and a fraction on education.

Social activist Cynthia Stephen, who works on issues affecting the marginalised, said numbers show the system is failing those it seeks to serve the most. On one hand, the well-heeled go to CBSE and ICSE schools, while on the other, SC-ST labour under many disadvantages when it comes to accessing education, she said. The class bias is clear in our system, she adds, with state board students given last preference for a seat in degree colleges. CBSE and ICSE students are given a better chance.

After 4 months, tourist spots to open from August 1 in AP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

AFTER remaining closed since the imposition of the lockdown, the State government has decided to throw open tourist destinations across Andhra Pradesh for visitors from August 1.

Tourism Minister Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao, who held a meeting with tourism and culture department officials on Tuesday, announced that people will be allowed to visit all tourist spots in the State from August 1. "All Covid-19 guidelines with respect to physical distancing and others will be duly followed at the tourist spots," he said.

Srinivasa Rao said necessary repair works would be taken at the tourist spots, which remained closed for visitors since March-end, in the next 15 days before opening them. He said that the neighbouring Telangana has already opened their tourist destinations for all.

The minister said that the department incurred a loss of over ₹10 crore per month due to the closure of the tourist spots and the cumulative loss due to the four month closure comes to around ₹60 crore.

Srinivasa Rao also said that the government would construct five-star and seven-star hotels at seven tourist places in the State in Private Public Partnership mode.

Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) Pravin Kumar told TNIE that the opening of tourist places will depend on the third phase lockdown relaxations to be announced by the Centre on August 1.

Sivasankar's exit leaves IT projects hanging fire

DHINESH KALLUNGAL @T'Puram

AFTER around four years of tireless work to make Kerala an emerging global digital hub, the journey of M Sivasankar is ending in ignominy, ironically, when the state is poised to complete that shift. Having considered himself the most significant bureaucrat in the state administration until three days ago, he will now be facing moral trial in Kerala's public domain. While he was the driving force behind several big-ticket IT projects, a few of them -- including the Sprinklr deal -- courted controversies for the wrong reasons. Though Sivasankar has around three years left in his bureaucratic career to stage a comeback, he has reportedly gone on leave for a year after being shunted out from the Chief Minister's Office and the IT department in the wake of his alleged links with Swapna Suresh, the centre of attention, in the high-profile gold-smuggling case in Thiruvananthapuram.

Although he was a conferred-IAS officer, young and seasoned civil servants alike had to wait for his mercy to get an appointment with the CM.

Ballari boy tops Arts stream, scores 594

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KAREGOUDA D from Indu INDP PU College, Ballari, topped the Arts stream with a score of 594.

The examinations also brought out the best among some who faced stiff financial challenges at home and yet came out with flying colours — like Prashanth G N of Bengaluru. His has been on a rough road since 2016 when his father had to undergo a kidney transplant. Prashanth's mother donated a kidney to his father, the sole breadwinner in the family, but he could not work further due to his health condition.

Despite the struggles to pay school fees, Prashanth had scored 94 per cent marks in his SSLC Board exams in 2018 which helped him earn a slot under the VidyaDaan scheme at Deeksha School. Prashanth scored 506 in this year's PU-II exam while still facing financial challenges at home.

The family is managing with some income from agricultural land in Davanagere. "We are managing somehow right now. I want to join Medicine which is my dream job," Prashanth said.

Prerana M N, who scored 596, stands first in II-PU (Science) | SHRIRAM BN

In keeping with the trend, girls have performed better with a 68.73 pass percentage as against 54.77% of boys. Last year, 68.24% of girls had aced the exam while 55.29% of boys had cleared it. While there was a slight increase in the pass percentage for girls, there was a dip among the boys.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar said the results will be sent to students individually by SMS and will also be put up on the website of the Department of Pre-University Education. This is being done to prevent crowding at the colleges. The exams were held from March 4 to 21. One paper, which was delayed due to the pandemic, was held on June 18.

Among the districts, Udupi retained the top spot with 90.71 per cent of students passing the exam, slightly lower than 92.2 per cent in 2019. At the second spot is Dakshina Kannada with 90.71 pass percentage, again slightly lower than its previous year's performance of 90.91 per cent. Kodagu district was at third place with 81.53 per cent students passing the board exam, which is marginally higher than the previous year's performance at 83.31 per cent.

Vijayapura, Raichur and Chitradurga fared poorly with 54.22%, 56.22% and 56.8% pass results, respectively this year. Vijayapura surprisingly slipped by a huge 14.33 per cent from the previous year's pass score. Raichur recorded a marginal dip at 56.22% against 56.73 per cent last year, while Chitradurga improved its performance at 56.8 per cent against 51.42% last year.

The pass percentage has dipped in rural areas by 3 percentage points. This year, urban students (62.60 per cent) fared better than rural students (58.99 pc). Urban areas showed a better performance than their previous year's pass percentage of 61.38%, while rural areas had recorded 62.88 pass percentage in 2019.

EXPRESS READ

One dead in Parawada factory blast

Visakhapatnam: The massive fire that broke out at Visakha Solvents late on Monday night left one worker of the plant dead. Rescue workers, who fought for seven hours to douse the flames, found junior operator K Srinivasa Rao's body under the debris of a wall that collapsed under the impact of the blast. Another injured worker, Mallesh, is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Gajuwaka.

Illegal quarrying in Cauvery river

Madurai: The Madurai Bench of Madras High Court issued show cause notice to the State PWD Secretary and Karur Collector among others, for failing to ensure compliance with an interim injunction granted by the court on August 16, 2017, against quarry activities in Cauvery river in the district. A Bench comprising Justices M Sathyanarayanan and P Rajamanickam issued the notice while hearing a PIL.

The medical students had been trying to get a flight to Bengaluru since the Covid-induced lockdown started in Russia on March 23 | EXPRESS

209 Karnataka students return from Russia

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

A total of 209 students from Karnataka, who were stranded at Moscow in Russia breathed a sigh of relief as they landed in Bengaluru on a chartered flight at 4.15 am on Tuesday. The medical students had been trying to get a flight to the city since the Covid-induced lockdown started in Russia on March 23. While there were several evacuation flights towards other states such as Delhi, Gujarat, Mumbai and even Kerala, there was only one flight to Bengaluru which had a stopover at Delhi.

"The flight to Bengaluru on June 30 was filled with those who wanted to reach Delhi. There were about 400 students from Karnatakastuck over there and we weren't receiving any update from the Indian Embassy. However, they treated us badly for not knowing Hindi," said Rakshitha Umesh, one of the returnees. The Vande Bharat Mission which had repatriation flights bringing in stranded citizens had only one flight to Kerala from Russia.

With no help from the Embassy, the students made several videos and posted them on Twitter which drew some traction. The students then reached out to MP G C Chandrashekhar for help. "We immediately got a response from him and he wrote a letter to the Indian Embassy there. We were finally able to get a flight slotted for July 13," Rakshitha said. The flight also ferried several other students, who are natives of Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Kerala.The students are currently undergoing institutional quarantine at various hotels in the city.

Act against hospitals charging extra for Covid treatment: TS HC to govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

TAKING a serious view of the exorbitant fee being charged by private hospitals for Covid-19 treatment, a division bench of Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the Director of Public Health and Family Welfare to invoke his power under Section 32 of the Clinical Establishment Act, 2010, which includes the power to cancel the registration of erring private hospitals, to control and supervise functioning of private hospitals.

The bench, comprising Chief Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan and Justice B Vijaysen Reddy, also directed the State government to exercise the power delegated to it by the Centre under the Act and to prescribe the rates for different types of procedures and services that are being provided by private hospitals. Further, it directed the government to establish a weblink to facilitate people to file complaints against erring hospitals.

While finding fault with the medical staff of Gandhi Hospitals for turning away patients without extending Covid treatment and for insisting on them to furnish positive test report, the bench directed the State government to permit Gandhi Hospital to extend testing facilities to all the patients who approach the hospital with symptoms. It is imperative that the Gandhi Hospital must have the testing laboratory so that the patients need not be turned away from the hospital. If patients are turned away, it may jeopardise their lives, the bench observed.

"When the government says that Gandhi hospital is the first state of art hospital exclusively earmarked to treat Covid-19 patients, how can it turn away the patients, forcing them to get a test report from other hospitals and laboratories, which are almost inundated with samples. By the time, a patient arrives at Gandhi Hospital with a Covid positive report, it will be one or two days and by this time, the patient will slip into serious state of breathlessness and will even die,", the bench added.

The bench also directed the government to ensure installation of dash boards outside Gandhi and Osmania hospitals, indicating live status of availability of vacant beds, beds with ventilators, beds attached with oxygen and regular beds for benefit of the public. The government, in its daily medical bulletin, should give information about category of beds available in different hospitals and such information should be published daily in vernacular and national daily newspapers.

People queue up for Covid-19 test at IGMC stadium in Vijayawada | PRAVINDRA BABU

Jagan announces ₹15K for last rites of Covid victims

Vijayawada: Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy announced that the government will provide `15,000 for performing the last rites of Covid-19 victims. He asked the officials to take immediate steps in this regard. The decision was taken considering the obstacles created for the cremation of the Covid victims in the past few days. He also made it clear that no hospital in the state should refuse treatment to any Covid patients and warned of action against those hospitals which do not treat covid patients. Not only stern action, even their recognition and permission will be cancelled, he added. He directed the officials to focus on quarantine centres. He wanted the officials to conduct a special driver on these aspects for the next seven days. **ENS**

Covid fight on till year end at least, hints Pinarayi

T'Puram: Kerala witnessed a huge surge in Covid-19 cases on Tuesday with the daily tally crossing the 600-mark for the first time. While local transmission accounted for 396 of the 608 new cases, the source of infection of 26 people remained unknown. Cautioning that Covid clusters have started forming in various parts, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the third phase of Covid spread has begun. He warned the next stage was community transmission and admitted that the state would be able to control the pandemic only by the end of this year. "The third stage will witness the disease spreading in clusters, that is among a group of people in a particular area," he said.

EDITORIAL

China is locked into the idiotic position of claiming a group of islands that don't actually exist. This tells us much of what we need to know about the haphazard way that its claim in the South China Sea was developed

Bill Hayton

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— Ramnath Goenka

CHALLENGE TO KEEP RETURNEE MIGRANTS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED

It has been more than three months since the first wave of migrant workers made their way to the safety of their native villages. Loss of livelihood, unemployment and lack of sustenance because of the sudden lockdown had forced lakhs of them to leave their workplaces in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Telangana, among others. They returned to their states of origin, which mostly welcomed them with open arms and promised them jobs. At least three states—Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand—undertook a massive exercise to map the skills of each migrant worker in order to employ them suitably. But reports suggest that most of them are languishing without jobs, especially the skilled workers. While some of the migrant workers have made their way back to places in Maharashtra and Gujarat where they used to be employed, a majority of them are only waiting for the Covid-19 pandemic to ease before they return to search for employment.

The plight of the migrant workers only underlines the lack of job opportunities in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand, from where lakhs of migrant workers flock to cities annually in search of work. Bihar, which used to top the list of 'Bimaru' states, is now among the fastest growing in India with a high GSDP. Yet, on many indices, it is still at the bottom of the heap. The average monthly income of farmers in Bihar is the lowest in the country, at a mere ₹3,558. It is followed by West Bengal at ₹3,980, Uttarakhand at ₹4,701, Jharkhand at ₹4,721 and Uttar Pradesh at ₹4,923. With such poor income opportunities, it is no wonder that many rural folk from these states acquire other skill sets and seek out greener pastures in more industrialised states. It is, therefore, incumbent upon such states to try and end the migrant problem. They have to create better conditions that will disincentivise workers from looking out. They have to attract industries and capital to invest more in order to boost jobs. But unfortunately, they do not seem to have succeeded so far.

CRUCIAL FOR SAI TO SET RIGHT TEMPLATE

The first training camp of elite athletes who were not staying at Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres has plunged into crisis. The camp, called by the SAI as all National Sports Federations (NSF) have been derecognised, couldn't have asked for a more controversial start. Three boxers, though they tested negative for Covid-19, were forced to go home after they were allegedly found violating quarantine norms on the day they entered NIS Patiala. Then a doctor attached to the boxing camp tested positive. Fortunately, he was quarantined outside the centre. Yet, this incident jeopardised the camp.

With restrictions in place and various states having their own rules, it was not going to be easy to conduct camps during the Covid-19 crisis. In this unprecedented situation, no one can be blamed. But precautions laid down by the authorities must be followed. In the case of the three boxers, the debate is endless. Who allowed them to enter the premises? Why were they seen loitering around the campus? Whose rules are to be followed, the SAI's or the Punjab government's? The SAI has constituted a panel to probe the lapses. Even the NIS Patiala executive director is under scrutiny. In the midst of all this, the boxers are perplexed. Though another set of Covid-19 tests has been recommended for the primary contacts of the doctor, there is anxiety among the boxers and the coaching staff. Since the SAI initiated the camp, the Boxing Federation of India is not directly involved. Still, officials are worried. They are hoping that this does not affect training now and in the future.

Under these circumstances, it would be prudent for the SAI committee, led by its secretary Rohit Bharadwaj, to objectively view the crisis. It should keep in mind the future of the boxers before taking any decision. There are other sports that want to begin their camps. The way the SAI handles this will pave the way for the successful holding of such camps in the future. Whatever the drawback in the SOP, it needs to be fixed. Athletes and officials (both the SAI and federations) need to be given confidence.

There is no greater evidence of Chinese revisionism than the problems plaguing South China Sea. The ASEAN has finally come out with a joint communiqué on the issue

DIVIDED WE SINK: ASEAN TETHERED TOGETHER IN SCS

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ASIAN AXIS

On 26 June 2020, the 36th Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was held through video conferencing. While much of the focus of the Summit was on the measures to address the pandemic, for the first time, the ASEAN took the stand that the South China Sea conflict must be resolved according to the principles and tenets enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS). This is a huge step forward for the organisation that was unable to come out with a joint communiqué on the South China Sea in its 2012 summit, leading to a range of debates on the role of the ASEAN's centrality and cohesiveness in tackling major power challenges in the region.

The current position of the ASEAN is actually not surprising given the stresses that have been visible in the region. Using the diverted attention of countries coping with the Covid-19 pandemic, China has continued its political opportunism in the region vis-a-vis the other regional countries. In April 2020, in the clashes over the disputed waters around the Paracel islands, a Vietnamese shipping vessel was sunk by the Chinese coast guard, one of the many transgressions that the Chinese have carried out against Vietnam in its own Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs). This followed last year's standoff in August/September in the Vanguard Bank region. The Chinese assertions of the nine-dash line violate the principles of Article 48 of the UNCLOS, which measures the length of the "territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf". The Vietnam EEZ violations are clearly centred around pressurising the regional states into compliance on the nine-dash line, pushing the ASEAN's multilateral back against the Chinese wall.

Similarly, in May 2020, a drilling vessel owned by Malaysia's Petronas was forced to stop its activities by a Chinese vessel off the coast of Borneo. This led to a stand-off between the United States navy and the Chinese, pushing the envelope on geopolitical tensions in the region at this crucial time. On 13 July 2020, in a press statement released by US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, the US reiterated that the Chinese position in the South China Sea is unlawful and challenged the rights of those countries that "endorsed a rules-based international order".

There is probably no greater evidence of Chinese revisionism than the issues plaguing the South China Sea. From the 1990s till date, the Chinese position regarding the South China Sea and the islands have gone through clear revisionism. In 1990, during the visit of then Chinese Premier Li Peng to Southeast Asia, the key objectives were to look at joint exploration of resources and find resolution through negotiations. A decade after that, in 2002, China and the ASEAN moved towards the non-binding Declaration on the Code of Conduct (DoC), which was to become a binding Code of Conduct (CoC) within a decade. Today, nearly two decades later, there is still no move towards a binding CoC.

The US this week has reiterated that the Chinese position in the South China Sea is unlawful ... It is imperative that cohesiveness must be internal to the ASEAN and not externally driven. The Southeast Asian nations must recognise the need to remain united in the face of Chinese assertions in the region

While in principle a Single Draft CoC has been agreed upon, there has been no move towards formalisation of the CoC. The recent events between China and other claimant states only add to the increased regional tensions in the South China Sea.

In 2016, the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) gave its resolution against the Chinese assertions of the nine-dash line and irredentist claims relating to the South China Sea. The PCA ruling was in response to the case filed by the Philippines over the issue of its claims to Scarborough Shoal. Typically, this was considered to be a low-tide elevation, which simply means that it is a natural piece of land visible only when the tide is low and remains submerged when the tide is high. Such formations are not considered while assessing the limits of the EEZ and it is only valid for the limits of the territorial sea, which is 12 nautical miles under the UNCLOS. Likewise, the case of Mischief Reef is also critical. This too is a low-tide elevation that falls into the region of the Philippines EEZ and Continental Shelf. However, Mischief Reef has been constructed into an artificial island through dredging with an airstrip and naval facilities, completely in contravention to the UNCLOS.

These above instances clearly point to the relevance of the UNCLOS itself and why the summit last month led to a critical step for the ASEAN. Debates relating to the ASEAN's cohesiveness attest to the role played by major power rivalry in the region. But it is imperative that cohesiveness must be internal to the ASEAN; it cannot be externally driven. Even as countries within the ASEAN have unresolved issues relating to their individual claims over the maritime spaces and features of the South China Sea, they must recognise the need to remain united in the face of Chinese assertions in the region. From 2003 onwards, as ASEAN countries have made efforts to achieve community building akin to the European Union, there is a critical lesson that the South China Sea conflict brings to the fore. Rising powers such as China will bring structural changes and test the existing normative principles. But the credibility of the ASEAN-driven processes to the wider region of the Indo-Pacific (erstwhile Asia-Pacific) lies in its ability to reiterate the normative order as a grouping, which will definitely send the correct signal—the ASEAN is tethered together in the South China Sea.

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WHEN EPIDEMIOLOGY BECOMES PUBLIC HEALTH

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Since the advent of Covid-19 into human society, the terms epidemiology and public health have resonated widely across media and become familiar but not uniformly well understood. I was recently asked, at a webinar for science students, if these are distinct or interconnected disciplines. This question calls for clarity on definitions and applications.

Epidemiology is an academic discipline linked to knowledge-generating research on the dimensions, distribution and determinants of disease in a population. It derives from the Greek words 'epi' (upon) and 'deimos' (people). The definition was later extended to include disease prevention through actions at the population level. It is restrictive to consider only disease as the subject of epidemiological research. What about health, the converse of disease? It has positive determinants worthy of study. Why are some populations healthier than others? So, in modern epidemiology, one studies the dimensions, distribution and determinants of both health and disease, coupled with a search for evidence on what works well for disease prevention and health promotion.

Epidemiology uses several research designs to answer questions. Cross-sectional surveys usually measure the variable of interest in a random sample of the population. Antibody surveys of Covid-19, recently conducted in different parts of India, are an example. As are surveys for prevalence of diabetes or hypertension. Case-control studies compare people who developed a disease or health outcome with those who didn't, to ascertain differential exposure to any suspected cause. What proportion of persons who developed mouth cancer were tobacco chewers compared to those who were cancer-free? A cohort study follows people over a long period to see if a particular baseline exposure leads to an adverse outcome in the future. This is useful to study the association of dietary elements or patterns with outcomes such as heart disease or cancer.

Randomised clinical trials compare people, differentially assigned to intervention and control groups, to assess impact. Vaccine or dietary intervention trials are examples. While randomised trials are considered to be least burdened by methodological weakness, all research designs have some advantages and are used as appropriate. Qualitative research methods are useful in elucidating behavioural components and aid both in framing the right research questions and explaining the observations.

Public health extends the knowledge gleaned from epidemiology and other forms of health research into various measures to improve health. It does so through transformational policies, systems, programmes and community engagement. Whether it is pollution control and sanitation or tobacco taxation and legislation to mandate seat belts and helmets, policy instruments have a great impact on population health.

System efficiencies in provision of health services, from child immunisation to emergency medical transport, are addressed by public health. Workforce planning and optimisation of expenditures are also health system issues. Access to services, drugs and technologies as well as affordability of care are integral to public health. It also conducts health impact assessment of policies and programmes in other sectors that impact on health, to make them more sensitive and responsive to public health goals. Programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation are also important functions of public health. Energetic community engagement and effective behaviour change communication are critical for public health success. Wearing masks and physical distancing in these times or avoiding smoking and spitting in public places are examples. Removing stigma through active community leadership is a proactive endeavour. In engaging with communities, public health also interfaces with health rights and other human rights.

Medical colleges have long ignored the need for multi-disciplinary public health education. Such education, wherever provided, must not only be broad-based but also strongly health-policy oriented

Epidemiology informs public health, through rigorous research, supported by the strength of statistics. It helps set priorities for public health actions and assess their impact. While epidemiology is central to prioritisation and planning in public health, the multi-sectoral nature of public health interventions calls for multi-disciplinary learning that extends beyond epidemiology. The knowledge platform of public health invites a confluence of life sciences (inclusive of human and animal biology, environmental sciences and ecology), social and behavioural sciences, anthropology, epidemiology, biostatistics, demography, health economics, political science and public policy, communication sciences, public health engineering and health technologies, public health law and human rights. The pathway of public health connects knowledge to action and further to impact and equity.

Ideally, such broad interdisciplinary learning platforms should exist in universities. Indian universities are only recently beginning to recognise this role. Medical colleges too have long ignored the need for multi-disciplinary public health education. Such education, wherever provided, must not only be broad-based but also strongly health-policy oriented. While it must be academically strong, it is also a field of practice. At both national and state levels, public health cadre must be created to bring the vigour of public health expertise into the system and to conduct health impact assessments of policies in other sectors. Since it is multi-disciplinary in learning and multi-sectoral in implementation, every Indian can contribute to advancing public health through actions in any field that impacts health. Public health is indeed the broadest bridge between science and society.

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SC's landmark verdict

This is with reference to the editorial *An aberration in tradition set right by SC temple order* (July 14). By recognising the Travancore royal family's right to administer Thiruvananthapuram's famous Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple, the SC has given a landmark judgment.
Varadharajan A, Sirkazhi

Govts shouldn't run temples

Why should a government manage temples? Governments are to govern states, legislate laws and monitor their implementation. But for the temporal eye on wealth, there is no compelling reason for governments to manage the Sabarimala, Tirumala and Srirangam temples. And why are only temples under government control?
B Kailash Shankar, Thiruvananthapuram

Fair judgment

The apex court delivered a well-balanced verdict in the temple case without hurting the sentiments of anyone. The court's decision is in conformity with the legal maxim 'Law is the science of what is good and just'.
P Jayaprakash, Ottapalam

Defining containment zones

Currently, the lockdown has been limited to containment zones that are hit by the virus. Unfortunately there is no logic in the declaration of such zones in Kerala. Even when very few people have Covid, an entire ward is labelled a containment zone, which is unreasonable. Limiting the containment zone to a smaller distance say, a 100 or 200 metre radius from the affected area, would be more sensible.
Praveen Thomas Abraham, Kerala

Irreparable damage to Cong

The column *The Gandhis symbolise the death of politics* (July 14) provided a vivid insight into the irreparable damage caused by the Gandhis to the once formidable Congress. Rahul Gandhi's tenure as party chief proved to be a total disaster as the Congress was trounced in consecutive general elections. Sonia as interim chief has fared no better. The reliance on old fogeys and the sidelining of charismatic, young leaders has added more nails in the party's coffin.
CV Aravind, Bengaluru

Learn from mistakes

Sachin Pilot should have been given his due despite his rebellion. The party had already faltered with Jyotiraditya Scindia. It should learn from its mistakes.
K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

All for one family

Some have alleged that the BJP is responsible for the rot in the grand old party. But the Congress has only itself to blame for its inability to hold on to its young leaders and cadre. Its present leadership has not addressed the common man's aspirations. The party seems to safeguard the interests of one family and has no policies apart from criticising the PM.
Asokakumar V, Thrikkunnapuzha

Losing states, young leaders

The country's oldest party is not only losing state after state but even its young leaders. It is unfortunate that the Congress is unable to keep its young flock together and is reduced to relying on its old inner circle.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Strong opposition needed

This is with reference to *Congress forfeits hard-won gains* (Jul 14). The editorial is timely. It is high time the Congress pulled up its socks and came out strongly to fight its arch-rival BJP in the forthcoming elections in states and in 2024. After all, a strong opposition is needed for a vibrant democracy.
Vijay Kumar C, Bengaluru

Hard work unrecognised

The Congress is in the process of losing talented individuals due to sheer tactlessness and an egoistic mindset. Earlier, it was Jyotiraditya Scindia in Madhya Pradesh. The Congress cannot afford to forget that it came to power in Rajasthan due to the hard work of leaders like Sachin Pilot.
S Lakshmi, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
I am sad to see @SachinPilot leave... he should have joined the effort to make the Party a better& more effective instrument for his, and our, dreams

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
Pilot gave his blood , tears, toil and sweat for Cong between 2013-18. We just gave him a performance bonus. We are so meritocratic

Tarun Gogoi @tarun_gogoi
My advise to Sachin Pilot to be patient, not to be emotional. Your turn will come... Better not to run after power which will come automatically

In present circumstances, there is no place for ability in the Congress party. This can be seen in every state —Jyotiraditya Scindia, BJP

Another friend leaves the party. Both Sachin and Jyotiraditya were colleagues & good friends. Unfortunately, our party has lost 2 stalwart young leaders with great potential. I don't believe being ambitious is wrong. They have worked hard through the most difficult times—Priya Dutt, Congress

Sachin Pilot is not just a colleague but my friend. No one can take away the fact that all these years he has worked with dedication for the party. Sincerely hope the situation can still be salvaged. Sad it has come to this —Jitin Prasada, Congress

Dear Ashok Gehlot, the sun does not set if you close your eyes.. your home base is weak and you are blaming BJP leadership for that — Om Prakash Mathur, BJP

The veterans feel leaders like Sachin Pilot and Scindia were promoted too soon | FILE

'Excess ambition' behind Young Turks' rebellion

Many in Congress feel Rahul Gandhi gave too much prominence to these leaders

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE general sentiment in the Congress, particularly of the Old Guard, is that the young brigade was promoted too quickly by Rahul Gandhi, which made them disproportionately ambitious. And when their ambitions did not get fulfilled, they changed loyalties.

In over a year, Rahul's loyalists Jyotiraditya Scindia, Ashok Tanwar, Ajoy Kumar and Pradyot Manikya have left the Congress while others like Milind Deora and Jitin Prasada have been uneasy.

During UPA-2, Rahul ensured that young leaders got a role in the Manmohan Singh cabinet and Pilot, Scindia, Deora and Prasada were all made ministers.

A star should be patient and prepare for the long haul. Else, it will end up as a shooting star and burn out

Margaret Alva, Congress leader

After taking over as party president in 2017, Rahul ensured that the young leaders get organisational posts, causing heartburns among the Old Gurad many of whom felt sidelined. But his resignation after the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha elections last year seems to have impacted his youth brigade.

Many now question the meteoric rise of Pilot from a first-time MP in 2004 to Rajasthan Congress chief in 2014 and deputy CM in 2018.

"Two great Congress leaders' untimely demise made the Congress give everything to their young sons, which otherwise would take lifetime to achieve. What did they give to the party? Only party workers can become a tall leader," tweeted Jitu Patwari, Madhya Pradesh Congress working president.

In the last one-and-a-half year, rift among the young leaders and seniors has been the Congress's worst kept secret.

Trouble between Scindia and former MP CMs Kamal Nath and Digvijaya Singh over power sharing saw the fall of the Congress government. Ahead of Haryana assembly polls last year, daggers were out between former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and then state party chief Ashok Tanwar who finally left the party.

Pilot's revolt has led seniors to caution youngsters to be patient and not to keep personal ambitions ahead of the party. "My advise to Pilot to be patient, not to be emotional. Having a bright future, your turn will come. I also had similar hurdles but ultimately patience helped. Better not to run after power which will come automatically. Gehlot may also give due recognition to Pilot," tweeted former Assam CM Tarun Gogoi.

Day's drama

10.00 AM The CLP meeting postponed for an hour

10.30 AM Sachin Pilot camp confirms he will not attend the CLP meeting

11.30 AM Meeting starts with 102 MLAs reportedly present

11.45 AM MLAs unanimously back Ashok Gehlot as CLP leader

1.10 PM CLP passes resolution to take action against Pilot and other MLAs who did not attend the meeting

1.40 PM Pilot removed as Deputy CM and PCC chief. Vishvendra Singh and Ramesh Meena also dropped from Cabinet

1.45 PM Govind Singh Dotasra appointed new PCC chief

2.00 PM Gehlot meets Governor Kalraj Mishra. The proposal to remove Pilot, Singh and Meena accepted

3.30 PM BJP leader Gulab Chand Kataria asks Gehlot to seek a vote of confidence on the floor of the House

6.20 PM Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat says any leader who believes in BJP's ideology is welcome

7.30 PM State cabinet meets at Gehlot's residence followed by a meeting of the council of ministers

11.20 PM State Executive unit, all other depts and cells of Rajasthan PCC dissolved

CM Ashok Gehlot speaks to the media in Jaipur on Tuesday | PTI

Why Congress chose Gehlot over Pilot

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE bitter power tussle between Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his Number-2 Sachin Pilot culminated in the sacking of the latter on Tuesday, 18 months after the Congress returned to power in the Rajasthan.

Pilot's ejection as the state party chief also sent out a clear message as who the Congress boss is in the state.

Political circles are agog why Pilot, once a part of Rahul Gandhi's inner circle, has finally been dumped. After Jyotiraditya Scindia's exit a few months ago, Pilot's removal is a second major jolt to the youth brigade that was once considered Rahul's USP.

The Congress brass' preference for Gehlot is surprising given the fact that after the party returned to power in 2018, it couldn't make a clear choice between the youthful Pilot and the ageing Gehlot. One obvious reason is the "extreme demand" that Pilot was making. Despite a limited number of MLAs on his side, hereportedly wanted the CM's chair, which was non-negotiable for the leadership.

While Pilot skipped two meetings of MLAs despite the leadership reaching out to him several times, Gehlot never defied the party leadership. He has worked with three generations of the Gandhis — from Indira Gandhi to Rajiv and Sonia to now Rahul Gandhi.

Gehlot comes from an OBC caste, a significant factor in caste-sensitive Rajasthan. The CM is also known to be a master of social engineering, which helped him stitch many caste alliances. Besides, he is also known for his organisational skills and has proved to the party's crisis manager many a time.

Eventually, the Congress went with the more experienced Gehlot who clearly has the numbers on his side. Whether this will resolve the crisis in the Grand Old Party is an open question.

Congress leaders board a bus after cabinet meeting at CM residence on Tuesday | PTI

CONG, BJP WAIT AND WATCH AS ALL EYES ARE ON PILOT'S NEXT MOVE

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

"TRUTH can be rattled, not defeated," tweeted Sachin Pilot after he was removed as Rajasthan Congress chief and deputy CM by the party. He also changed his twitter bio and removed any references to posts he held recently, but the link to the official website of the Congress remains unchanged.

What lies ahead for the young leader from Gujjar community? There are talks that he might join the BJP and senior Congress leaders have alleged that Pilot has been in touch with the BJP for some time now. But they all wonder what is on the offer table that will make Pilot cross over to the BJP camp.

"He won't be offered CM's post or be made state chief that he was demanding in the Congress even after joining the BJP. What he will settle for has to be seen, if he decides to switch over. But that move will be detrimental for his political graph," said a Congress leader.

The party is expecting that three-four more MLAs of the Pilot camp will come in support of Gehlot on Wednesday. This is likely to further weaken Pilot's hold over the MLAs as he would have only half-a-dozen left by his side.

The BJP has said that they are ready to welcome a leader having a mass base and is keeping an eye on the developments in the state. Some of Pilot's loyalists have suggested he should rather float a regional outfit, but many doubt if he can emerge as a strong force in bipolar Rajasthan politics.

As of now, all eyes are on Pilot's next move. "He has not uttered a word against the party decision. So, it's wait and watch before he speaks out and reveals his future action," said a party source. Pilot is expected to issue a statement or speak to the media Wednesday.

BJP weighs its options in state, sees brief spell of central rule

Now that Sachin Pilot has been pushed to the margins with his obvious humiliation by Congress, the BJP will not shy away from strengthening his hands

A BJP leader

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

THE BJP is keeping its options open, including working with Sachin Pilot. The party apparently sees the sacking of Pilot as a turning point, which could lead to a phase of political instability, and even central rule.

"Pilot is a mass leader while Gehlot excels in organisational skills. The BJP is always open to accept or partner mass leaders in pursuit of a larger electoral base," a party source said.

Sources say a dozen fence-sitter legislators would hold the key to the future political course, adding the BJP will be working on Independent and smaller party MLAs. "Gehlot will have to take the floor test, which will further clear up the situation. The BJP will be okay with a short spell of President's rule if the numbers don't work out for either side," said a source.

Pilot promises electoral depth to the BJP with his Gujjar support base. "He has inherited identity politics from his father, which ironically, also limits his appeal... But he can be ignored at one's own peril," said a leader.

New Rajasthan Cong chief is a loyalist of CM

JAIPUR: Govind Singh Dotasra, who will replace Sachin Pilot as the Rajasthan state Congress chief, is an experienced leader having served both in the organisation and the government. The state education minister is a three-time MLA from Laxmangarh seat in Sikar district.

The 55-year-old holds a law degree from the University of Rajasthan and even practised before taking up politics full time. Dotasra worked actively with the Youth Congress before jumping into electoral politics. He won his first election almost 15 years ago as a member of Panchayat Samiti in Laxmangarh. He was given the party ticket in the assembly elections three years later.

He was appointed the Sikar district president in 2011 and served in this position for seven years. He won his assembly seat again in 2013 and 2018. He was given independent charge as Minister of State for Education along with the Minister of Tourism in the Ashok Gehlot government.

Dotasra, a close aide of CM Gehlot, is known as a skilled orator with a sharp wit. He will need these skills in his new role as the Congress party prepares to deal with the after-effects of Pilot's rebellion.

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50% of active cases are from Maharashtra & TN

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THE Centre on Tuesday said 50 per cent Covid-19 cases are from just two states, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, while 10 states have 86 per cent of the total active cases in India.

As on Monday, India had 3,11,565 active coronavirus cases with 1,54,134 of those patients in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. The rest 8 states which have 36 per cent of the case load include Karnataka, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Gujarat and Assam.

Rajesh Bhushan, officer on special duty in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, said 22 states are doing more than 140 per million tests per day. For India as a whole, the testing rate per million per day stands at 201. Bhushan said while the daily growth rate of the cases was 31 per cent in March, it is just above 3 now.

Meanwhile, ICMR director general Dr Balram Bhargava, who drew huge criticism a few days back for setting August 15 deadline for Covid-19 vaccine launch, cited instances of other countries where vaccine development has been fast-tracked and said it is "our moral duty to launch the vaccine at the earliest".

Responding to a query on exemption from phase 3 trial to the drug itolizumab by the country's drug regulator, he said while two drugs, tocilizumab and itolizumab, are thought to prevent cytokine storms — a complication due to Covid-19 — none have yet shown any benefit in terms of mortality due to the disease. He said randomised control trials with these drugs are being conducted in various countries to assess if they can help reduce Covid fatalities.

Biocon, which manufactures itilozumab under the brand name Alzumab, on Monday cited data from phase 2 trial with 30 patients and had said while 3 out of 10 patients in the control arm, without the drug had succumbed to the disease, none with the medicine died in the intervention group.

Dr Bhargava is right. We have received Emergency Use Authorisation on a small pivotal trial. As mandated, we will do a larger phase 4 clinical trial and we also have 150 patient real world 'off label' data that will be published —Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, executive chairman, Biocon

Over-reliance on antigen test could hamper containment efforts: Experts

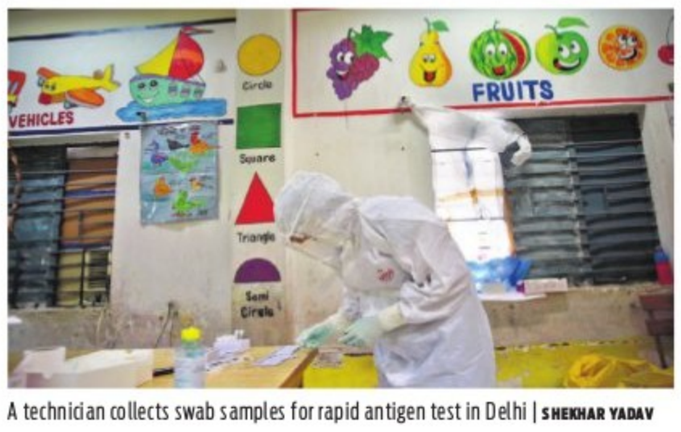
SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE unavailability of testing service offered to actor Amitabh Bachchan's family for the ordinary citizens has brought to the fore a major flaw in the Covid-19 testing strategy devised by the ICMR.

After senior Bachchan and his son Abhishek tested positive, other members of the family— Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and her daughter Aaradhya — who did not have symptoms and tested negative through rapid antigen test — were given RT-PCR test in which they were found to positive.

RT-PCR test offered to the asymptomatic members of the family is now offered to only symptomatic patients in most parts of the country. The ICMR had on June 23 recommended that RT-PCR test should be carried in only those with clear symptoms who test negative through a rapid antigen test — a move that, say experts, could severely hamper the country's outbreak management efforts and lead to higher mortalities.

In recent weeks, many states, including Maharashtra and Delhi, which have one of the highest disease incidences, are relying excessively on antigen tests that are faster and more convenient but have way lower sensitivity than RTPCR tests.



A technician collects swab samples for rapid antigen test in Delhi | SHEKHAR YADAV

It means they give too many false negative tests, like what happened in the case of Aishwarya and Aaradhya.

"While antigen tests have tremendous merits for running a fast triage which is helpful both for rapid tracing and early treatment, its limitations have to be kept in mind for optimal use," said Ghaziabad (UP) based infectious disease expert Dr Anupam Singh. He cited recent data from the city which showed that while positivity rate with antigen test was less than 3 per cent, the positivity rate in those who tested negative in antigen test was 15 per cent.

In Delhi, too, as government figures reveal, while at one point the test positivity rate had touched a whopping 40 per cent, it dropped swiftly to under 10 once testing was increased and antigen tests were introduced last month.

"In order to show lower positivity rates, it may have been decided to retest only symptomatic cases. But as we now know, 30% of patients will never develop symptoms. The current strategy means they will never get diagnosed and will keep spreading the disease to others," he pointed out.

"Retesting only symptomatic negative patients by RT-PCR is a wrong move and direct or high-risk contacts who are negative on rapid antigen test must be retested ," said Dr Singh. It was echoed by a senior epidemiologist based in Delhi.

Covid-19: Centre starts crucial project to study post-recovery complications

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Centre has started a crucial exercise to follow up and document clinical details of cured Covid-19 patients to assess whether they have long term complications after recovering from the infection.

The project involves 9 hospitals under the Centre, including three in Delhi and six AIIMS in various states.

The development comes amidst reports that many patients who get cured are later complaining of various medical conditions such as acute fatigue, breathlessness and even onset of diabetes.

While many research papers have emerged in other countries on post-recovery complications, there is no such data or study in India yet.

Rajesh Bhushan, officer on special duty in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Tuesday said the consultative exercise has begun under the supervision of director general of health services and will involve LNJP and RML hospitals and Lady Hardinge Medical College in Delhi.

The project has started following a suggestion by an expert group on Covid-19 clinical research constituted by the ICMR. "We suggested this project since it's important to understand the course of the disease in Indian context," a member of the group said.

A recent study of 143 recovered hospital patients in Italy, published had shown that 87 percent were still suffering at least one symptom 2 months after falling ill.

EXPRESS READ

Finger 4 discussed in India-China talks

NEW DELHI: The meeting of Corps Commanders of India and China was held in Chusul on Tuesday. The two sides had a prolonged discussion on the next phase of troop retreat. As per sources, Depsang and total disengagement of troops from both sides from the wider area of Finger4 was discussed. A senior Army officer said late Tuesday evening, "Talks are still in progress and were expected to continue till late." Another senior officer said efforts are now focused on resolving most complicated parts of the standoff situation.

4 FOUND HANGING
All four members of a family, including two underage children, were found dead, hanging from the ceiling in their rented house in UP's Barabanki on Tuesday over a property dispute, the police said

20 PEOPLE TEST COVID +VE AT BIHAR BJP HQ

Ahmedabad	34	26	Mumbai	26	26
Bhopal	32	25	Panaji	29	24
Jaipur	37	27	Patna	31	26
Amritsar	37	27	Lucknow	35	22
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	29	23
Srinagar	32	16	Chandigarh	33	26

Don's killing: SC may set up panel

Tells UP it's willing to pass an order similar to Telangana case to probe Dubey's encounter

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THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Uttar Pradesh government to file its response on the petitions seeking a court-monitored probe into the killing of gangster Vikas Dubey in Kanpur by the Special Task Force of the Uttar Pradesh Police.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde slated the hearing for July 20 and asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for Uttar Pradesh government, to file a report on the steps they have taken so far.

During the hearing, the court said it is open to forming a judicial committee to probe the incident. However, the order in this regard has not been passed yet.

The court said this is something which the court will do reluctantly. However, since there was a precedent of forming a judicial committee to probe a similar encounter killing in Telangana in December 2019, the court was willing to pass a similar order in this case, too.

The court sought suggestions from petitioners on possible names to head the probe committee. The state government had already formed a judicial committee to investigate Dubey's alleged nexus with the police.

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>
> Supreme Court

Retired Allahabad High Court judge Justice Shashi Kant Agarwal is the only member of the committee.

Dubey was killed in an encounter on the morning of July 10 when a police vehicle carrying him from Ujjain to Kanpur toppled over in an accident and he tried to escape from the spot after snatching the revolver of a police officer, the police had said

The opposition has alleged that Dubey was killed to cover up a gangster-police-politician nexus in Uttar Pradesh.

UP ADG Prashant Kumar (C) along with other officers shows the rifles recovered from gangster Vikas Dubey's aide Shashikant Pandey, in Kanpur on Tuesday | PTI

Guns, sharp weapons used to kill Kanpur cops, say police

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE police have recovered AK-47 and INSAS rifles snatched by henchmen of slain don Vikas Dubey during the ambush on July 2-3. The police said sharp weapons were used to kill eight cops in Bikru village, Kanpur.

ADG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said on Tuesday that post-mortem reports of the eight cops have revealed that while CO Devendra Mishra had sustained four bullets, a sharp weapon was used to sever his leg. The ADG said as part of the continuing action in the encounter case, the Kanpur police arrested Shashikant alias Sonu Pandey, another aide of Vikas Dubey. Pandey's father Prem Prakash was killed in an encounter led by Kanpur IG Mohit Agarwal a few hours after the Bikru village carnage.

Sonu Pandey, carrying a reward of ₹50,000 on his head, had been absconding since July 3. In the second encounter that took place in a nearby forest area, besides Prem Prakash Pandey, who was Dubey's maternal uncle, his cousin Atul Dubey was also eliminated.

At Sonu's instance, the police recovered an AK-47 and 17 bullets belonging to the police from Dubey's house. An INSAS rifle and 20 live cartridges were recovered from Sonu's house, said the police officer.

Varavara Rao's condition is stable: Hospital

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE condition of poet and activist Varavara Rao, accused in the Elgar Parished case, is stable, JJ Hospital officials said on Tuesday.

Rao, 80, lodged in the Taloja jail in neighbouring Navi Mumbai, was shifted to the hospital in south Mumbai on Monday night after he complained of giddiness.

Dr Ranjeet Mankeshwar, Dean of JJ Hospital, said that Rao is stable now and recuperating in the hospital.

"He has been doing fine there is no cause of concern. He has been admitted to the neurology department of the hospital and his health is under evaluation," said Dr Mankeshwar.

Rao has been kept in the transit ward of the hospital for now as they are evaluating his condition and all health parameters, a doctor said.

Rao's wife, Hemalatha, and daughters, Sahaja, Anala and Pavana, have expressed worry about his health. Rao appeared to be in a state of delirium and hallucination during a call with her, Hemalatha said.

ONLINE CLASSES

Centre suggests cap on screen time for students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

THE Union Human Resources Development (HRD) Ministry on Tuesday suggested that the online teaching for pre-primary classes should involve only guiding of parents by teachers for a maximum of 30 minutes on a given day which will help guardians home-school their wards.

The guidelines titled 'Pragyata' by Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** released on Tuesday also said for students of Classes IX-XII, online synchronous learning may be undertaken for not more than four sessions of 30-45 minutes each on the days as decided by states.

For the rest of the classes, the Centre said, states should follow the alternative academic calendar by the NCERT. Schools throughout India have been shut since mid-March due to the Covid-19 pandemic and have impacted over 240 million students across the country. In many cities, classes have been running digitally, but for students in remote areas with no access to the internet, arrangements have been made so that lessons can be provided through radio and televison.

The guidelines issued on Tuesday also informed parents and children about healthy online habits, postures and safety in cyberspace.

Releasing the advisory, Pokhriyal said extended school closures may cause loss of learning and, therefore, to mitigate the impact of the pandemic schools will have to remodel and reimagine the way teaching and learning have happened so far.

"They will also need to introduce a suitable method of delivering quality education through a healthy mix of schooling at home and schooling at school," he said.

It describes possible assessment methods, planning and steps to implement digital education while ensuring cyber safety and privacy measures.

Assam flood: Toll rises to 59; Kaziranga inundated, rivers in spate

Forest officials rescue an elephant calf from Kaziranga National Park in Nagaon | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

AT least nine people perished in the Assam flood on Tuesday as the overall situation continued to remain grim. The deaths were reported from Biswanath, Barpeta, Golaghat, Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts. With these, the death toll in the flood rose to 59. Twenty-six others were killed in landslides earlier.

The floodwater breached several river embankments and damaged several bridges and roads across the state. All major rivers such as Brahmaputra, Dhansiri, Burhi Dehing, Jia Bharali, Puthimari, Beki, Kopili, Sankosh, Subansiri, Pagladiya, Katakhal and Kushiyara were in a spate, flowing above the danger level.

NDRF, SDRF, police personnel and locals were engaged in rescue operations.

3.3 CRORE Assam population

32 LAKH affected

DISTRICTS AFFECTED: **28 (OF 33)**

All major rivers flowing above danger level

ASSAM STANDSTILL

1,28,495 HECTARES standing crop affected

Number of relief camps set up **517** (in 24 districts)

Scribe attacked by rhino

A video journalist of a local news channel was injured after he was attacked by a rhino which had strayed out of the flooded Kaziranga National Park. The incident occurred at the Hatikhuli Tea Estate when Baskar Rajkhowa was filming the animal.

Kaziranga under water

The entire park, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its one-horned rhinos, is under the water. Till Monday, 51 animals died due to various reasons including drowning and vehicle hits. The animals included one rhino, one wild buffalo, one swamp deer, three wild boars and 45 hog deer. The incidents of vehicle hits occurred on a highway that passes beside the park.

MANIPUR

CM & seniors pressured me to let off drug lord: Woman cop

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THOUNAOJAM Brinda, a woman officer of Manipur Police, alleged that Chief Minister N Biren Singh and the police top brass had "pressured" her to let off an arrested drug lord.

Brinda, made these allegations in an affidavit filed in connection to a criminal contempt case, registered against her by the Manipur High Court. Brinda gave an account of how she was pressurised to release Lhukhosei Zhou, then serving as chairman of Autonomous District Council (ADC) Chandel, and withdraw the charge sheet against him.

The contempt case against Brinda was registered for her "offensive" remarks on Facebook allegedly undermining and criticising the judiciary after Zhou was granted bail by a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act court.

Brinda said Zhou was arrested on the intervening night in June 2018 by the sleuths of Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB). The team also seized 4.595 kg of heroin powder, 2,80,200 "World is Yours" tablet, ₹57.18 lakh, another ₹95,000 old currency notes and several other incriminating articles.

She claimed that a BJP leader later told her that the arrested ADC member was the right-hand man of CM's wife. "He told me that CM had ordered that Zhou be exchanged with his wife or son and to release him," Brinda wrote. Brinda said she was asked by her officers and the CM about the charge sheet.

EXPRESS READ

Chinese not willing to recognise casualties they suffered: US intelligence

New Delhi: An US intelligence assessment has revealed that the Chinese are not willing to recognise the casualties they suffered during the June 25 clash with Indian troops in Galwan Valley and are pressuring the families of the soldiers not to perform funerals and conduct burials. According to the US intelligence report, the grieving families are being mistreated by the Chinese government and also said apart from refusing to accept they had casualties in the clash, they are also denying the burials.

This pandemic has taught me a lesson to not leave the family behind: Migrant

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KULDEEP (19): The eldest of five siblings, he was based in Delhi employed with a tea packaging company. During lockdown, he decided to walk it to his Unnao village – a good 600 km trek. "I am the sole breadwinner of my family. I will have to go back. But my parents are not letting me," he says. A little piece of land has been a big support to Kuldeep. "There is shortage of food grain and we don't have money in hand," he says, repairing a road under MGNREGA.

LUVKUSH RAJ (25): The ice cream vendor in Andhra Pradesh returned to his Asha Khera village in mid-June by a Shramik Special train. Raj has the responsibility of three younger brothers. Busy planting paddy in his land, he does not want to return to his workplace. "I have this 1.5 bigha land. Once the situation normalises, I will try to take a small loan and start selling ice cream here in Unnao," says Raj. "I earned ₹600 per day in Andhra. I don't have any savings," he adds. "This pandemic has taught me a lesson - don't leave the family behind."

SADIQ (22): The boy from the mango-rich belt of Malihabad worked in Mumbai as a restaurant waiter owned by Mohammad Ashraf of Sultanpur. "As Ashraf Bhai closed it down, I also came back. Since this is the mango season, I am selling the fruit, earning at least ₹700-800 daily. But after the season, I will have to think about going back," says Sadiq.

RAMLAL SAHU (37): He returned to his village Sohramau in Unnao from Surat. "The factory where I worked has informed me that it has reopened. So, I will go back as soon as possible," says Sahu. On Covid-19 fear in Gujarat, Sahu says it is worth taking a risk.

SHIVMANGAL PRAJAPATI (34): The Maruti car worker from Manesar came back to his Bangarmau village during lockdown. He has made up his mind to go back to Manesar. "It was a good job. I won't be able to earn as much in Unnao. I have to give a decent life to my child," says Prajapati.

Puri corners Priyanka over govt bungalow

NEW DELHI: Union ministers Hardeep Singh Puri and Smriti Irani on Tuesday sought to corner senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi on eviction of Lutyens' zone bungalow allotted to her.

In a series of tweets, Puri on said a powerful Congress leader had called him to allot the Lodhi Estate residence to another Congress MP so that Priyanka could stay on despite eviction notice. It came after her claim that such requests were not made.

The minister also made it clear that the Congress leader who requested him is at the top of party hierarchy.

"The leader who called me, & many others, is at the very top of the Congress hierarchy...the same political advisor who speaks and acts on your family's behalf. It was when he requested that we decided to give a two month extension in good faith," said Puri.

Puri's tweet came after Priyanka Gandhi called as "fake news" a media report that she had sought more time to vacate the bungalow. *ENS*

As cases spike, Bihar goes for lockdown till July 31

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

ON a day when Bihar recorded the worst single-day spike of 1,432 Covid-19 cases on Tuesday, the state government decided to enforce a complete lockdown in Patna, headquarters of all districts, sub-divisions, blocks and municipal areas from July 16 to 31.

Bihar also reported deaths of two medical professionals in the last 24 hours due to coronavirus. Dr Ashwani Kumar, practising in Gaya, died on Sunday night at Patna AIIMS.

An ENT specialist, Dr NK Singh, posted at Patna Medical College and Hospital, was the second casualty. He was admitted to AIIMS after he developed a severe infection. According to the IMA, 200 medical professionals and paramedic staff have so far tested corona positive in the state.Also on Tuesday, a state BJP spokesperson said 20 staff and other office-bearers of the party office have also tested positive.

A notification issued on Tuesday by the home department said offices of the Union government, its autonomous or subordinate offices and public corporations will remain closed throughout the lockdown period.

> Offices of Union govt, its autonomous offices and public corporations will remain closed throughout the lockdown
>
> Govt notification

However, offices of defence, Central armed forces, treasury, petroleum, CNG, LPG, disaster management, power generation, post offices, National Informatics Centre and early warning agencies will remain open.

State government offices will remain shut with the exception of the police department, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency, elections and prisons, district administration, treasury, IT services, electricity, sanitation, health, food and civil supplies, water resources, agriculture and animal husbandry.

Dubey case: Who in Ujjain will get ₹5L?

Days after gangster Vikas Dubey was gunned down by the UP Police in an alleged encounter in Kanpur district, the question in MP's Ujjain doing around is who will get the ₹5 lakh reward put up by the cops for information on the don. Dubey was arrested from famous Mahakal Temple premises in Ujjain on July 9. Since then, two prime claimants have emerged for the reward, including the flower seller outside the temple, who first spotted Dubey and informed a security guard, who nabbed the gangster. A Vyapam scam whistleblower said both should get ₹2.5 lakh each.

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BHOPAL DIARY

This 'Amitabh Bachchan' prays for Big B's recovery

He is known as the Amitabh Bachchan of Jabalpur city and treats the 'superstar of the millennium' as his elder brother. Meet cycle rickshaw- puller Manoj Kumar 'Bachchan', who is nowadays getting all attentions his for emotional prayers for Big B's recovery from Covid-19. Ask him about the superstar, and he'll start weeping. Manoj's die-hard devotion for Big B is all-pervasive on his cycle rickshaw, which bears only Bachchan's pictures and his film dialogues. Manoj remembers when the actor had sustained critical injuries in the stomach during the shooting of film Coolie, he had offered 51 coconuts out of his meagre income. When the superstar's mother died, he had got his head tonsured.

18 tested Covid +ve after attending wedding

As many as 18 people, who attended a wedding at a heritage hotel in Bhopal on June 28, have tested positive for the coronavirus. First, one of the attendees was detected to be positive, after which 17 more people tested positive for the infection. They are residents of city's posh Arera Colony and Bagsewania localities. They are reportedly in stable condition. None from the bride's family has been found Covid-19 positive. The wedding was solemnised four days after the marriage gathering norms were relaxed.

Man marries bride, friend at same mandap

In an eerie development, a man married two women at the same marriage mandap with all requisite rituals at a village in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh. The tribal man Sandeep Uike married the two women, including his long-time girlfriend from adjoining Hoshangabad district and the girl his family wanted him to marry. Recently, a local tribal panchayat had heard all three families and subsequently, it was decided that if both the women are ready to live together with Uike, they should be married to him, after which the July 8 wedding happened. Local tehsildar Monika Vishwakarma said the matter will be probed.

1.3 crore

coronavirus cases have been recorded in total globally, as per a John Hopkins University tracker

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	34	24	LC	Los Angeles	25	16	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	13	5	LC
Doha	43	31	SNY	Moscow	21	13	TDS
Dubai	41	32	SNY	New York	28	19	LC
Houston	36	25	LC	Singapore	31	25	LR
Istanbul	26	18	LC	Toronto	28	20	SNY
London	19	15	LC	Washington DC	35	23	LC

Group pushes to get Brahma name taken off beer brand

NEW YORK

AN interfaith coalition is pressing the world's largest brewer to remove the name of a Hindu god from a popular beer that dates to the late 1800s — a dispute the beermaker insists is a case of mistaken identity.

The group, which includes representatives of the Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu and Jain religions, is calling on Belgium-based brewing giant Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV to rename its Brahma line, a favorite in Brazil.

Brahma was first produced in 1888 by Companhia Cervejaria Brahma, a Brazilian brewery now owned by Anheuser-Busch InBev, whose massive lineup of 500 brands includes Budweiser, Bud Light, Corona and Stella Artois. Beers sold under the Brahma name include a lager, a double malt, a wheat beer and a chocolate stout.

"It is the right time to fix an old wrong — the trivialising of the faith of our Hindu brothers and sisters for about 132 years," coalition spokesperson Rajan Zed told The AP. Lord Brahma should "not misused as a 'toasting tool,'" Zed said.

But Lucas Rossi, head of communications for Anheuser-Busch InBev's Latin America subsidiary, said the beers were named in tribute to Joseph Bramah — an Englishman who invented the draft pump valve — and not for the deity.

The spelling was changed, he said, to make the name work better in the Portuguese language. *AP*

UK bows under Trump pressure, gives Huawei the boot

US president had been furious with Boris Johnson over allowing the Chinese telecom-equipment giant a role in Britain's 5G network

LONDON

BRITAIN on Tuesday bowed to US pressure and ordered the phased removal of Chinese telecoms giant Huawei from its 5G network despite warnings of retaliation from Beijing.

The policy reversal hands a major victory to US President Donald Trump's administration in its geopolitical and trade battle with China.

The *Financial Times* had reported in Feb Trump was "apoplectic" with Boris Johnson during a phone call over his decision to allow Huawei a role in Britain's network.

But it threatens to further damage Britain's relations with the Asian power and carry a big cost for UK mobile providers that have relied on Huawei equipment for nearly 20 years.

Digital minister Oliver Dowden's announcement followed a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Boris Johnson of his cabinet and National Security Council that took the final decision to alter Britain's 5G course. "From the end of this year, telecoms providers must not buy any 5G equipment from Huawei," Dowden told parliament.

He said the new guidelines also required all of Huawei's existing 5G gear to be stripped out "by 2027".

Huawei called the decision "politicised" and likely to put Britain "in the digital slow lane". Huawei UK spokesman Ed Brewster said, "This is about US trade policy and not security."

"This disappointing decision is bad news for anyone in the UK with a mobile phone."

Johnson infuriated Trump and upset some members of his own Conservative party by allowing the Chinese leader in global 5G technology to help roll out Britain's speedy new data network in January.

The UK was then completing its tortuous departure from the European Union and looking to establish strong ties with powerful Asian economies that could fulfil Johnson's vision of a "Global Britain".

But the Trump administration told the UK government that its choice imperilled intelligence sharing because British signals could be intercepted or manipulated by China.

Washington believes the private company can also shut down rival countries' 5G networks under Beijing's orders in times of war.

Huawei has always denied this and pointed to two decades of cooperation with British security agencies that checked on the safety of its existing 3G and 4G networks.

The British review was triggered by Washington sanctions in May that blocked Huawei's access to US chips at the heart of 5G networks.

The sanctions did not impact older 3G and 4G providers and Britain left its guidance for those networks unchanged. *AFP*

America backs Asean, slams Beijing over South China sea

An F/A-18E Super Hornet lands on the flight deck of the USS Ronald Reagan in the South China Sea. In the inset image, US Secretary of State Mike Pomepo | AP

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday the United States would treat Beijing's pursuit of resources in the dispute-rife South China Sea as illegal, ramping up support for Southeast Asian nations and triggering a furious response from Beijing.

It was the latest forceful statement by President Donald Trump's administration to challenge China, which he has increasingly cast as an enemy ahead of November elections.

"We are making clear: Beijing's claims to offshore resources across most of the South China Sea are completely unlawful, as is its campaign of bullying to control them," Pompeo said in a statement.

Pompeo's statement goes further by explicitly siding with Southeast Asian nations including the Philippines and Vietnam, after years of the US saying it took no position on individual claims.

"America stands with our Southeast Asian allies and partners in protecting their sovereign rights to offshore resources, consistent with their rights and obligations under international law," Pompeo said.

"We stand with the international community in defense of freedom of the seas and respect for sovereignty and reject any push to impose 'might makes right' in the South China Sea or the wider region."

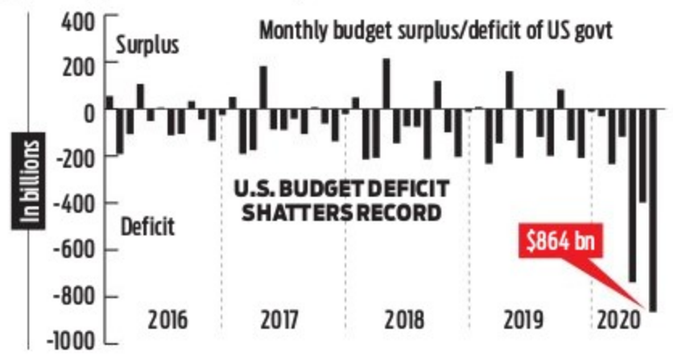
Beijing claims most of the South China Sea through a so-called nine-dash line, a vague delineation.

30 mn unemployed may lose $600 lifeline in US

WASHINGTON

IN around two weeks, millions in the US could lose an additional $600-a-week unemployment benefit as policy makers are at a standstill over extending their approval for the federal programme, *Bloomberg* reported on Tuesday.

More than 30 million people depend on the crucial financial support. "We'd basically have to choose between paying bills and eating," 48-year-old Erin Walker, a dining manager who was furloughed in April, told the *Washington Post*.



The Trump administration has been pushing to scrap the unemployment benefits, amidst an explosion in government spending on programmes to combat the virus recession.

As a result, the US government incurred the biggest monthly budget deficit in history in June. The Treasury Department hit $864 billion last month, an amount of red ink that surpasses most annual deficits in the nation's history and is above the previous deficit record of $738 billion in April.

The Treasury's jobless payments to Americans exceeded $100 billion last month.

For the first nine months of this budget year, which began Oct 1, the deficit totals $2.74 trillion, also a record for that period. That puts the country well on the way to hitting the $3.7 trillion deficit for 2020 that has been forecast by the Congressional Budget Office. *Agencies*

1/3rd of B'desh underwater after monsoon downpour

BISWAMBHARPUR

ALMOST four million people have been hit by monsoon floods in South Asia, officials said Tuesday, with a third of Bangladesh already underwater from some of the heaviest rains in a decade.

The monsoon -- which usually falls from June to September -- is crucial to the economy of the Indian sub-continent, but also causes widespread death and destruction across the region each year.

"This is going to be the worst flood in a decade," Bangladesh's Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre chief Arifuzzaman Bhuiyan told *AFP*.

The heavy rains have swollen two main Himalayan river systems -- the Brahmaputra and the Ganges -- that flow through India and Bangladesh.

Bhuiyan said about a third of flood-prone Bangladesh -- a delta-nation crisscrossed by hundreds of rivers -- was underwater, and at least 1.5 million people were affected, with village homes and roads flooded.

About 7 lakh people have been marooned across the country, media reports said.

People make their way through flood water in Sunamgong | AFP

In north-central Bangladesh, the Brahmaputra river was almost 40 centimetres (16 inches) higher than normal and threatening to burst its banks, district administrator Farook Ahmed told *AFP*. Most villagers were trying to stay near their flood-damaged homes, but some 15,000 had fled severely affected areas, officials said.

With a 10-day forecast pointing to rising waters, Bhuiyan said if more rivers burst their banks some 40% of the nation could be flooded "in a worst-case scenario".

In the northern town of Biswambharpur, villagers said most of the houses were partly underwater after the Surma, a major river in northeast Bangladesh, burst its banks.

Farmer Abdur Rashid, 35, said he sent his wife and three children to a multi-storied village school that has been turned into a government shelter.

"My whole house has gone underwater. I have sent the rest of the family to the school, but I stayed behind to guard my properties," he said. *Agencies*

EXPRESS READ

I still love sharks, says woman after attack

Sydney: A woman who was left bloodied after being attacked while swimming in Australia told reporters "I still love sharks" as she was stretchered off to hospital Tuesday. The 29-year-old filmmaker was taking a dip off Queensland when she was set upon, suffering cuts and a possible broken ankle. But the woman, who is working on a shark documentary but was not named, was still determined to give the ocean predators the benefit of the doubt. "I still love sharks," she yelled to camera crews as she was wheeled past on a stretcher. "Sharks are beautiful." Although the woman was in pain when paramedics arrived she is now stablea and smiling.

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Court gives Nawaz Sharif last chance to appear in graft case

A Pakistani anti-corruption court has given a final chance to former PM Nawaz Sharif, currently in London for medical treatment, to appear before it on August 17 in a graft case, failing which he may be declared a proclaimed offender. Sharif is currently in London for treatment after he was diagnosed with an immune system disorder. He left for the UK in November after the Lahore High Court granted him a four-week permission to go abroad for treatment. The Accountability Court last month issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Sharif in the Toshakhana case. Sharif is accused of obtaining luxury cars from the treasury house by paying just 15% of the price.

INDONESIA

Flash floods leave 15 dead, dozens go missing

At least 15 people were killed and dozens missing after flash floods left hundreds of houses buried in mud on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, authorities said Tuesday. A search and rescue operation was underway to find missing people feared swept away by floods and mud after three rivers in North Luwu regency overflowed due to torrential rains, the island's disaster mitigation agency said.

THAILAND

Thais seek to fix mistakes that allowed infected foreigners in

Authorities in Thailand urged almost 1,900 people to quarantine themselves and get tested for the coronavirus after a breakdown in screening allowed two foreigners with the disease to pose a risk to public health. The country also said it is rolling back regulations for admitting foreign visitors in order to tighten up procedures. The incidents involving newly arrived foreigners emerged after seven weeks during which Thailand's only new confirmed cases of the coronavirus were from Thais repatriated from abroad. Anger was palpable in the eastern province of Rayong, where a member of a visiting 31-member Egyptian military team who tested positive for the disease apparently skirted regulations to go shopping.

SINGAPORE

Broadcaster apologises for TV show with homophobic content

Singapore's state-owned broadcaster has apologised after facing a storm of criticism on social media and from LGBT groups for its homophobic portrayal of a gay character in a TV drama. The show, "My Guardian Angels", featured a basketball coach who has a sexually transmitted disease and molests a teenage boy, while other characters displayed homophobic behaviour. An uproar erupted online over the show, which aired in April and May, with critic Teo Yu Sheng saying it "perpetuates the stereotype that gay men are predatory paedophiles with STD."

S'pore plunges into recession as economy contracts 41%

The 41% quarter-on-quarter contraction was the worst ever recorded in the city-state, which is considered a barometer for the health of global trade

ALARM BELLS FOR ASIA

The worse-than-expected figures will also ring alarm bells for other Asian economies reliant on trade -- typically, Singapore is hit first before ripples spread across the region

REBOUND EXPECTED

Experts such as Jeffrey Halley of Oanda expect Singapore's economy numbers to rebound equally quickly if the reopening stays on track, though the country is still in a deep recession

BRIGHT SPOT

Services, including tourism-related businesses and air transport, fell 13.6% year-on-year. But manufacturing in Singapore expanded 2.5% from the same period a year earlier, mostly because of an ramp up in production in the biomedical sector

It's the worst-ever quarterly figure in Singapore's 55-year history. But it's not a surprise as the bottom line is that Singapore is a small city state, extremely dependent on trade in goods and services

CIMB Private Banking regional economist Song Seng Wun told *AFP*

CORONAVIRUS CASES — Recovered: **42,541** | Active cases: **4,063** | Deaths: **26**

TOXIC CULTURE

A victory for gaming's #MeToo movement

PARIS

AFTER years of simmering controversy over sexism in the video game industry, change may be on its way after outrage came to a boil with a C-suite massacre at Ubisoft.

Following online allegations of sexual misconduct, the publisher of Assassin's Creed and Far Cry launched a probe, resulting in the departure over the weekend of the company's chief creative officer.

The head of human resources also left, as did the chief of operations in Canada where the game maker has its biggest studios.

CEO and co-founder Yves Guillemot acknowledged that "Ubisoft has fallen short in its obligation to guarantee a safe and inclusive workplace environment for its employees".

Just Dance is one title by Ubisoft, which just shed a number of senior executives after sexual harassment allegations | AFP

The executive ousters were a high-profile victory for the #metoo movement in the male-dominated video game publishing industry that has a reputation for hostility towards women.

Accusations on social media of sexual harassment and abuse have targeted a number of video game publishers, as well as people in the gaming community around the Twitch platform.

In 2014, two prominent women developers became the targets of an online harassment campaign known as gamergate and seen by many as a backlash to growing pressure about sexism.

Women Ubisoft employees described as "toxic" the work culture at the company, particularly at its Canadian studios.

One woman who asked for her name not be used told AFP that "working on Far Cry cost me two burnouts, psychological and sexual harassment and humiliation, and human resources never bothered to listen to me".

One employee said on social media that shortly after arriving at Ubisoft a team leader told her she was hired because she was "cute" but that "to everyone's surprise you do your job well". She discovered a mailing list where men describe what women are wearing "so guys can go take a look". *AFP*

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹345.6

Target Price ₹475

ICICI Bank: ICICI Bank recently took a board approval to raise capital upto INR150b to strengthen its balance sheet. With this capital raise the current CET-I ratio will improve to 15.8% (vs 13.4% currently). We estimate it to deliver RoA/RoE of 1.2%/ 11.9% in FY22E & expect earnings to stay buoyant led by healthy margins, steady business growth and controlled credit costs.

– Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

JEWELLERY

CONSUMER DEMAND FOR GOLD MAY REMAIN SOFT IN H2 THIS YEAR: WGC

New Delhi: Consumer demand for gold in the country is expected to remain subdued in the second half of 2020 amid business and income disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according tothe World Gold Council. However, the WGC said that financial packages to support the economy and good monsoon may help soften the blow. "In the second half, we expect consumer demand to remain soft due to reduced economic activity, concerns about increasing unemployment and income erosion. However, additional economic packages and a forecasted positive monsoon season could help soften the negative impact," it said in a report.

REMOTE FIRST

SBI MAY SAVE ₹1,000 CR FROM NEW 'WORK FROM ANYWHERE' POLICY

Mumbai: State Bank of India (SBI) will institute work-from-anywhere infrastructure and expects to save ₹1,000 crore from this measure, Chairman Rajnish Kumar said. Speaking at the bank's 65th AGM on Tuesday, he said the focus going forward will be on cost reduction, rationalisation and reskilling, improving productivity and redeployment of workforce from admin offices to sales roles. "Following global best practices, the bank will institute work-from-anywhere (WFA) infrastructure to facilitate work from any location, while taking care of social aspects of work-life balance," he said, speaking to shareholders.

FUNDRAISE

YES BANK GARNERS ₹4,500 CR FROM ANCHOR INVESTORS AHEAD OF FPO

New Delhi: Yes Bank on Tuesday raised ₹4,500 crore from anchor investors ahead of its follow-on public offer that opens on Wednesday, according to a PTI report. The company has fixed the price band at ₹12-13 per equity share for its follow-on public offer (FPO) which will be open for subscription from July 15-17. Yes Bank is aiming to raise ₹15,000 crore through the issue to ensure adequate capital to support its growth and expansion, including enhancing its solvency, capital adequacy ratio, and evolving regulatory requirement. Citing sources, PTI said that several anchor investors including FPIs have been allocated shares at ₹12 per share.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
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GOLD
₹20.7 ▼ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,911.7 | ₹20.7 ▼ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,892

SILVER
₹425 ▼ Per kg ₹51,355 | ₹0.43 ▼ Per gm ₹51.35

FOREX
▼ Dollar 75.42 ▼ Euro 85.12

Covid-19 set to push back auto market by 3-4 years

SIAM data shows passenger vehicle sales plunged by 50% in June

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

HIT hard by the Covid-19 pandemic and the earlier growth slowdown, domestic automobile sales have plunged over the past quarter. In the month of June 2020, domestic wholesales of passenger vehicles fell by 49.59 per cent to 1,05,617 units against 209,522 sold in the same month last year.

Going forward, industry representatives warn that the sector will continue to face significant headwinds on both the demand and supply sides. According to president of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Rajan Wadhera, it may well take up to 3-4 years for the market to regain its 2018 levels in terms of wholesale and retail sales.

The auto sector lobby also noted that the current phase of low sales is the longest slowdown in over two decades for the passenger vehicle (PV) segment and the worst in 15 years for two-wheelers. Rajesh Menon, Director General at SIAM told reporters that the PV slowdown had lasted five quarters in 2001, while the ongoing slowdown has been spread over nine quarters.

Before the Covid-19 induced lockdown, the industry had faced significant pressure from a liquidity crunch in the financial markets, a sharp rise in raw material costs, and a general slowdown in the overall economy.

A car being sanitised before delivery at a Maruti Suzuki India showroom | EXPRESS

SIAM expects a decline in the range of 26-45 per cent in domestic sales across categories this fiscal. The month of June was the first month in which India moved from a lockdown phase to unlocking the economy. While most automakers had more than 90 per cent of showrooms open, demand remained subdued. Automakers are face problems in ramping up production and maintaining supply chains.

"There are lots of issues in the supply chain network due to continued restrictions in certain parts of the country. There is also a lack of manpower since people have moved back to villages. Rising cases around factories has also impacted production," Wadhera said.

Hyundai Motor India confident of fast recovery

Though sales are picking up, the road to recovery for passenger vehicles still seems a hard. However, Hyundai Motor India officials said they were confident of regaining its pre-covid sales figures soon. Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) Director (Sales, Marketing and Service) Tarun Garg said, "In June we reached 75 per cent of the sales as compared with the last year, and in July we are witnessing a good growth momentum and are expecting to reach 90 per cent of the sales we registered in the same month last year." He added, "The recovery in India is much faster than any other parts in the world".

Walmart infuses $1.2 bn into Flipkart

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

HOMEGROWN e-commerce giant Flipkart has received a $1.2 billion fund infusion in a fresh equity round led by parent firm American retailer Walmart, alongside existing shareholders. The round values the Indian e-tailer at $24.9 billion, the Bengaluru-headquartered company said in a statement on Tuesday.

The fresh fund infusion aims to consolidate Flipkart's position in a tightly contested e-commerce space where Amazon is the other leading player. Mukesh Ambani's JioMart—an e-commerce platform launched earlier this year—has also made its inroads, leveraging the digital heft of Jio's 350 million subscriber-strong network.

Walmart had acquired an 81.3 per cent stake in Flipkart in 2018 for $16 billion, the deal valuing Flipkart at $21 billion. As for the current fund raise, Flipkart said that it will be funded in two tranches over the remainder of the fiscal year.

"We're grateful for the strong backing of our shareholders as we continue to build our platform and serve the growing needs of Indian consumers during these challenging times. Since Walmart's initial investment in Flipkart, we have greatly expanded our offer through technology, partnerships and new services," Flipkart CEO Kalyan Krishnamurthy said.

Despite the possibility of the Centre implementing stricter FDI norms, fund infusions from companies like Amazon, Flipkart haven't dried up. Rival Amazon recently said that it will spend $1 billion in a partnership with neighbourhood stores and small businesses across India.

Calls for a more Aatmanirbhar Bharat have also gained momentum in India, with traders' body Confederation of All India Traders accouncing recently that it too would launch an online marketplace to promote indigenous brands.

Flipkart, meanwhile said that it has surpassed 1.5 billion visits per month and reported a 45 per cent growth in monthly active customers.

GROWING SALES

- Flipkart recorded a 30 per cent growth in transactions per customer in FY20
- It also reported a 45 per cent rise in monthly active customers during the year

OIL COLLAPSE

WPI inflation contracts by 1.81% in June as crude rates fall

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S wholesale prices inflation saw a contraction for the third consecutive month in June, mainly on account of fall in crude oil price. According to government data, WPI index had contracted by by 1.81 per cent during the month compared to a 3.21 per cent contraction in May.

Going by the figures, crude petroleum prices softened by a whopping 41.4 per cent in June. Ten out of the 17 categories of manufactured products listed in the WPI, including textiles, leather, wood, chemical, and basic metals saw a contraction in prices. However, wholesale food inflation picked up marginally during the month to 2 per cent from 1.1 per cent in May as demand and supply both remained constrained. Manufactured items have the highest weight of 64.23 per cent in WPI.

On Monday, the government declared that retail price inflation inched lower to 6.09 per cent, while food inflation eased to a nine-month low at 7.87 per cent.

Aditi Nair, principal economist at ICRA Ratings said the divergence between the food inflation at the wholesale and retail level remained substantial in June, hinting at rise in wholesale food inflation.

"With vegetable prices rising sharply in the recent weeks, the uptick in wholesale food inflation may continue in July," she added. Since retail inflation remains high, most analysts believe the RBI may further cut policy rates in its monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting next month.

> **Smaller WPI disinflation, as well as a CPI inflation in excess of the medium term target range are unlikely to outweigh growth concerns.**
>
> Aditi Nair, ICRA Ratings

Dabur India promoters hike stakes in Eveready, pick up another 8.48%

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

THE Burman family, promoters of Dabur India, have picked up a significant 8.48 per cent stake in the country's largest dry cell battery—Eveready Industries. The transaction has been initiated through Guardian Advisors, an exchange filing showed.

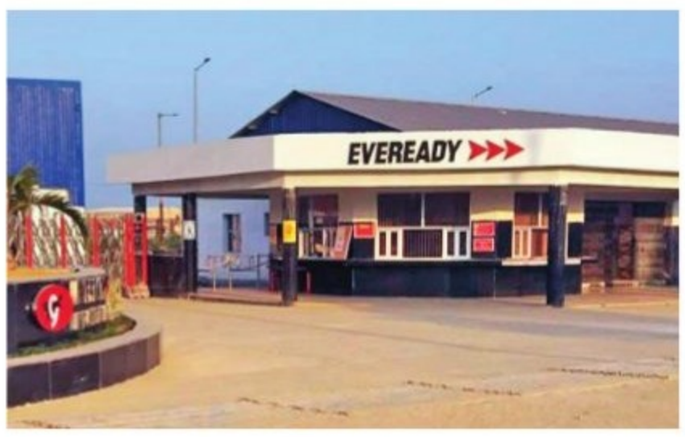
Guardian Advisors, a portfolio management firm owned by Arjun Lamba and others, manages investments for the Burman family, among others. The investments in Eveready were made by Dabur India's promoter family in their personal capacities to acquire an additional 50 lakh shares, but has nothing to do with the listed Dabur entity.

"It is a personal investment by the Burman family and is unrelated to Dabur," said Mohit Burman, vice-chairman, Dabur India.

This acquisition makes the Burman family the largest strategic investor in Eveready Industries, holding 19.84 per cent equity stake in the company under various client accounts. The companies on behalf of which acquisitions were made in Eveready are M B Finmart, Puran Associates, VIC Enterprises Ltd, Chowdry Associates and Gyan Enterprises—all owned by various members of the Burman family. The ownership of the assets is to remain with the clients and Guardian Advisors will have the "power of attorney" on behalf of them.

Incidentally, the portfolio management firm has, for quite some time now, been steadily buying shares of the Khaitan-family controlled Eveready Industries. Over the past few months, it has picked up 11.35 per cent stake and on Tuesday, it announced a further stake increase of another 8.48 per cent. The fresh stakes were picked up through open market purchases on July 14.

For Eveready, high debt has been a major concern. It has been trying to pare debt of around ₹400 crore through asset monetisation. Recently, the battery maker hived off its loss-making packet tea business in order to focus on its core business.



> **Guardian Advisors wishes to inform... that it, on behalf of its clients... has acquired further shares in (Eveready Industries) and now holds 19.8419% of equity stake under various client accounts**
>
> Guardian Advisors Pvt Ltd

PANDEMIC HIT

Wipro posts a marginal rise in Q1 net profit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT firm Wipro reported a flat Q1FY21 net profit growth of just 0.1 per cent year-on-year at ₹2,390 crore. The consolidated revenue of the company stood at ₹14,913 crore, an increase of 1.3 per cent year-on-year.

"Profitable growth will be the most important priority on my agenda. I am confident that we will be able to deliver long-term, sustainable growth in the interest of all our stakeholders," Wipro CEO Thierry Delaporte said.

With regards to the work from home model, Bhanumurthy BM , Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Wipro said that the future WFH model is going to be agile and fluid, and that currently 97 per cent of its over 1.8 lakh employees are working from home. He added that the execution in implementing WFH model has been seamless and that 98 per cent of the company's customers reported better or at par performance during the COVID pandemic.

Wipro added that it has continued to onboard employees during the June quarter and that there was a delay in hiring freshers due to the closure of educational institutions under lockdown. The IT major will, however, continue recruiting talent over the next two quarters in a phase-wise manner. The IT services exporter also said that it's major deal wins continued during the quarter. It added five clients in the under 20 million and more bracket. Wipro also announced that it will acquire IVIA Serviços de Informática Ltda.

No stay on TRAI order to halt premium plans

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

PREMIUM mobile data plans offering higher speeds to customers shelling out more money have hit a regulatory wall. And Tuesday's proceedings at the apex telecom tribunal did not result in any relief for impacted telecom firms.

Sources confirmed that the Telecom Disputes Settelement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) refused to direct a stay on the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) July 11 order to Vodafone Idea (VIL) and Bharti Airtel to put such plans on hold with immediate effect.

While existing customers of these plans—VIL's RedX and Airtel's Priority 4G Network for Platinum postpaid users—will not be affected by TRAI's order, the companies will not be able to onboard new customers until the regulator says otherwise, sources said. Neither company have released any official statement on the issue.

VIL had moved the TDSAT on Monday seeking an immediate stay on TRAI's directive. Airtel too is said to be examining legal action. Sources confirmed, however, that the TDSAT has allowed the order to stand and given TRAI until tomorrow to respond to VIL's petition. The next hearing has been scheduled for July 16.

TRAI's primary concern lies in whether prioritising one set of higher-paying customers would lead to service and internet speeds deteriorating for the rest.Analysts note that similar plans exist in the fixed-line broadband segment, and these do not, as such, violate net neutrality. However, industry sources also admit that for fixed-line, internet providers are to maintain a dedicated bandwidth with mandatory minimum speeds.Whether this is the case in wireless needs to be examined, an official said.

Consequently, TRAI has asked both VIL and Airtel to respond within a week on how they plan to assure service quality for other customers.

CAIT reiterates demand for Huawei ban after UK action

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HOURS after Britain banned China's Huawei on Tuesday, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), which has been running a campaign for the boycott of Chinese goods in India, reiterated its demand to restrict the telecom equipment maker from participating in the country's 5G network rollout.

The traders' body had first raised the demand in a letter to Minister of Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad, citing security concerns, on July 5. "The UK government's decision speaks to the merit of the ban and therefore it is the time for the Indian government to assess the threat in using Huawei equipment in 5G network rollout," CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal said in a statement.

He added that in several countries both Huawei and ZTE Corporation have been charged with a laundry list of crimes including conspiracy, money laundering, bank and wire fraud. CAIT said it would also launch a nationwide survey seeking public opinion about imposing a ban on Chinese technology and duty hike on imports.

DIGITAL

Airtel, Verizon roll out video meet platform

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Bharti Airtel on Tuesday announced that it was launching a new video conferencing platform focused initially towards enterprise clients in partnership with communications major Verizon. The launch comes just a few weeks after rival Jio had launched its own video meeting platform JioMeet.

Announcing the launch of 'Airtel BlueJeans', Bharti Airtel's MD and CEO Gopal Vittal said that the services that will be targeted at enterprise customers to begin with, and will be offered free for the first three months. After that it will be priced "very competitive", Vittal said at a virtual conference.

The offering is a secure platform committed to end user privacy and enterprise-grade security, Vittal said, adding that all the data will be hosted in India.

The alliance in India will bring Airtel and Verizon together to address the need for seamless and secure business collaboration as organisations move from office-based work to work from anywhere, the companies said in a joint statement.

ANNUAL MEETING

Analysts expect Oil biz to take centre stage at Reliance AGM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RELIANCE Industries is set to host its 43rd annual general meeting on July 15. So far, the company has met most of the promises made a year ago and observers await what new projects chairman Mukesh Ambani has in store this year.

Analysts say an update on the long-pending Aramco deal; the roll-out 5G services; the overseas listing of Jio Platforms; value unlocking plans in fibre and tower infrastructure via InvITs funds; advanced talks on the acquisition of Kishore Biyani's Future Group; an expansion of financial services; and a roadmap for JioMart are likely to take centre stage on Wednesday.

The oil major has also managed to secure a flurry of big-ticket capital investments in Jio Platforms from tech giant Facebook and other Silicon Valley players. That aside, the company has managed to become debt-free well ahead of the schedule given by Ambani.

In a report titled—'What to expect from RIL's AGM on July 15'—Bank of America (BofA) analysts said, "We might get an update on the remaining two goals: Stake sale to Aramco and that in Reliance Retail,"

Analysts also agree that updates on the Aramco stake sale may be given. Because, while a barrage of announcements have been made for Jio Platforms, nothing much has been seen so far on the core business side.

"...investors have highlighted some expectations of an announcement of timelines for completion of the O2C (Oil to Chemicals) stake sale, and any update that could imply closure of the deal in the next few months would be taken positively," JP Morgan said in its note. The latest RIL annual report did mention that the company was working to complete the Aramco deal. According to statements made in the last AGM, Aramco was to buy a 20 per cent stake in RIL's O2C division at an enterprise value of $75 billion. However, nothing much has been seen so far, after the pandemic hit oil markets hard.

Pep seeks apology after City overturn Euro ban

Pep Guardiola says Manchester City deserve an apology after successfully overturning their European ban imposed earlier this year by UEFA. "I am incredibly happy for the decision. It shows all the people said about the club wasn't true," the City boss said. "We should be being apologised to," he added.

First positive case of growth hormone, NADA to widen net

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

IN what could possibly be the first case of doping with the use of human growth hormone (hGH) in India, a weightlifter returned positive in an out-of-competition blood test at NIS Patiala earlier this year. The sample was collected from Pardeep Singh, who was part of the national camp.

It has been learnt that the lifter was asked to leave the camp after the test results were communicated to the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF). News of the positive test was conveyed to IWLF by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), according to a federation official. However, it is understood that because of the lockdown, Singh's B sample is yet to be tested. This offence could mean four-year ban.

Since blood sample collections are rare, detections are rarer. NADA has confirmed that hGH was found in Singh's sample. It is a growth hormone used generally by athletes in power and endurance sports. "This is the first case of hGH in the country," revealed NADA director general Navin Agarwal. "We got some indication about the use of the banned substance and were on the lookout. We started collecting blood samples from athletes for testing. This sample was taken out of competition," he said.

"Since transporting blood samples is difficult because of travel restrictions, we will not be collecting more samples right now. After necessary risk assessment and reworking the test distribution, we will start collecting more blood samples to detect HGH," Agarwal said.

It can be found in injectable form. It is readily available too. Whether more samples can be collected once WADA lifts sanctions from NADA, Agarwal said, "Collection and transportation are crucial and this would help us to test more blood samples."

"It has anabolic properties," said Ashok Ahuja, former head of sports medicine sciences at NIS Patiala. "It helps build muscle mass. There was a problem in detecting it earlier, so a lot of cases might have gone undetected. But now the methods have been standardised and it has become easy to detect." Ahuja believes lifters have been using this for some time. "Clinically, it is meant for kids whose growth is affected. It has side effects like any anabolic agent. It increases muscle mass and tends to damage bones, ultimately affecting the cardiovascular system," Ahuja said.

Apart from Pardeep, there are couple of Khelo India University Games athletes who tested positive. And one athlete from All India Police Games.

WHAT IS HGH?

Human growth hormone (hGH) is a hormone that is naturally produced by the body. It is synthesized and secreted by cells in the anterior pituitary gland located at the base of the brain.

PROHIBITED

It is prohibited both in and out-of-competition under section S2 of WADA's List of Prohibited Substances and Methods. Sanction up to 4 years.

EFFECT ON ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

Some of the effects attributed to hGH, which may explain the attraction for its use as a doping agent, especially in power and endurance sports, include the reduction of body fat (lipolysis), the increase in muscle mass and strength (anabolic effect), as well as its tissue-repairing effects (recovery) on the musculoskeletal system. It also appears to be used synergistically with other performance-enhancing drugs, thus having an effect, albeit indirect, on muscle anabolism and athletic performance.

BCCI MULLS NATIONAL CAMP IN DUBAI

Easier for everyone if IPL is held in UAE, BCCI AC to discuss pros & cons

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is discussing the possibility of hosting a camp for its contracted players before the Indian Premier League (IPL). As reported by this newspaper, United Arab Emirates remains the first choice to host this year's IPL in October, if the situation doesn't improve in Mumbai. The board is looking at Dubai for the national camp, if UAE is finalised as the host.

Clarity on this will emerge after the July 17 Apex Council meeting, as the BCCI is yet to finalise its Standard Operating Procedures with regards to resuming cricketing activities. The Indian team management had informed the BCCI earlier that it wants at least a six-week training camp before featuring in any series. There are no international fixtures lined up at the moment other than a tour of Australia towards the end of the year. The BCCI wants to host the IPL in October-November.

While the franchises will have their own camps before IPL, the BCCI is understood to be looking at a short camp to assess the fitness of the players. But it is not going to be an easy task because of time constraints. For starters, if the IPL begins in late September or October, the franchises would expect the players to join at least three weeks in advance. This means the BCCI has to find time to host the national camp by September first week at least. Current restrictions in India make this logistically challenging.

That is why the BCCI reckons that the International Cricket Council Academy in Dubai will be the best place for the camp, as players can join the franchises without any hassle. "By the looks of it, UAE will mostly host the IPL, unless the situation improves dramatically in Mumbai. So the camp there makes more sense in every way possible. Once the IPL venue is decided, then expect things to move forward quickly," sources following developments told this newspaper.

While the team management might not be able to host a longer camp, there are indications that the support staff of the national side will be free to stay back in UAE for a week to keep an eye on the players. Though the players won't be able to report to them once they join their respective franchises, the support staff can keep a tab on their progress.

GEARING UP

New Zealand's Tom Latham hits the nets in Wellington on Tuesday. NZC has planned for six camps for players to get back to squad training | NEW ZEALAND CRICKET

EXPRESS READ

State mins give feedback to Rijiju for way ahead

NEW DELHI: Sports minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday held a meeting with sports ministers of 18 states and Union Territories on the opening day of a two-day virtual meeting to chalk a way forward amid Covid-19. "The ministers and officers made some valuable suggestions about sports and youth affairs related issues...briefed me about their preparations for post-Covid. I am sure we will come out with a roadmap for the way forward," Rijiju said.

Real Marid inch closer to La Liga title

MADRID: Real Madrid are on the verge of securing their 34th La Liga title after their 2-1 victory over Granada on Monday to move within two points of clinching the trophy. Ferland Mendy and Karim Benzema scored a goal each for the Los Blancos while Darwin Machis found the back of the net for Granada.

Flight cancellation extends Jeremy's home stay

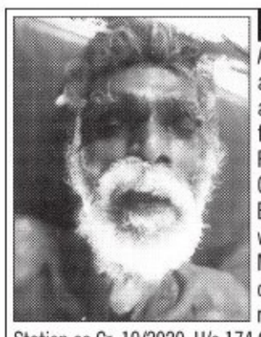
ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

INDIA weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who is currently with his family in Aizawl, was scheduled to leave from his hometown to Patiala on July 18. However, those plans have gone for a toss with his scheduled Saturday flight getting cancelled. The 17-year-old has informed the Sports Authority of India, who will now book new tickets for the lifter from Mizoram.

"Now, I am not sure when I will leave from here as the flight booked for 18th has been cancelled. Hopefully, another flight ticket will be booked soon. SAI will get the tickets done. As of now, I am not sure about the exact details of my quarantine (where exactly and how long), but I know I will have to be quarantined after I leave from here," Jeremy told this daily. He also added that the flight was from Mizoram to Kolkata first and then to Delhi, after which he would have travelled to Patiala by road.

The 67 kg weightlifter was given permission to go home after he became homesick in Patiala. It was earlier in the month that he could finally reunite with his family after serving a 14-day quarantine.

Though away from NIS Patiala, he is still in touch with national coach Vijay Sharma. "I am doing some lifting, exercises and training here. I am also in contact with Vijay sir and he tells me to keep working on fitness and continue with training too," Jeremy said.



UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED PERSON

An unidentified male, mentioned in the above photo about 55 years of age name as Mayisev @ Mari Sivan, Trichi has found as unconscious at Ernakulam South Railway Station Platform on 06.02.2020 at 09.30 hrs and shifted to General hospital Ernakulam for treatment. He deceased while on treatment at Government Maharaj's Hospital, Karuvelipady, Kochi on 07.02.2020 at 06.00 hrs. A case has registered in Ernakulam Railway Police Station as Cr. 19/2020, U/s 174 Cr.P.C and it is under investigation.

Identification Marks: Height - 166 CM, complexion- Black, 1. A black mark on left thigh. 2. A tattoo on the right palm. If any information about deceased please contact in the phone No. mentioned below.

Ernakulam, 21.05.2020. Ro No. 1074/F2/2020/I&PRD

Sub inspector of Police, Railway Police Station, EKM. Mob. 9497981118, Land. 0484-2376359

ABSCONDING

Naseema @ Seena 34 years W/o Parakkottil Shefeer, Pallithodi House, Vythiri Desom, Vythiri Village, Wayanad District who is involved in Crime 1354/19 U/S 342, 323, 294 (b), 506 (I), 395 IPC of Kodungallur Police Station, Thrissur Rural District, Kerala. The case is under investigation and there is no clue about the accused so far. If anybody receive any information about the accused person, kindly inform to the nearest police station / to the Police Control Room / to any of the under mentioned officers whose mobile numbers are given below.

4) Deputy Supdt. of Police, Irinjalakuda - **9497990088**, (5) Inspector SHO Kodungallur - **9497987143**, (6) Sub Inspector of Police, Kodungallur - **9497980539.**

Identification mark of the Accused:
(3) Complexion - White. (4) Height - Around 152 cms.

22.06.2020 RO No. 1071/F2/2020/I&PRD Inspector SHO, Kodungallur

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No.: KHDC/MP(S)/2020-21/56 Date:13.07.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited (KHDCL) invites Tender in two cover system (Technical and Commercial Bid) through e-procurement website of GoK **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible Silk Processors for printing/processing of Silk Sarees/Fabrics. Tenders should be submitted within **5.30 PM on 17.08.2020.**

Sd/- Manager, Production (Silk)

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CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2019-20/PS/WORK_INDENT9832/Call-2 DATE: 10.07.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited for the work of **"Dismantling, Erection, Testing and commissioning of Brake and Jack System at Ghataprabha Dam Power House for one unit"** Last date & time for submission of completed bids (2 Covers): **07.08.2020, 16.00 Hrs.** Date of Opening of Cover-1 : **08.08.2020 @ 16.30 Hrs.** Date of Opening of Cover-2 (price bids) of qualified bidders : **10.08.2020 @ 17.00 Hrs. or at a date which will be intimated later.** The details of NIT & Tender documents may be downloaded from the GoK e-Procurement website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the Office of the **Executive Engineer (O&M), GDPH, KPCL, Hidkal Dam-591107.** Ph/Fax No. : 08333-263249, e-mail : eeegdphkpcl@gmail.com, website : karnataka power.com

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

GM(C),RITES Ltd. Bengaluru invites on behalf of the Department of Collegiate Education, Bengaluru online percentage rate bids in Single Packet System for the following works: **1) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/21/2020 Date 14.07.2020, Construction of Additional class rooms for Government First Grade College at Holalkere in Chitradurga District for DCE - 2nd call.** Est. Cost is **Rs.76.43 Lakh** (Approx.), EMD **Rs. 76,428/-,** Period of completion **15 months,** Last date and time of submission of bid **03.08.2020 upto 11.00 hrs.** 2) **NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/22/2020 Date 14.07.2020, Construction of Additional Classrooms and Auditorium for Government First Grade College at Periyapatna in Mysuru district for DCE.** Est. Cost is **Rs.157.23 Lakh** (Approx.), EMD Rs. **1.57 Lakhs,** Period of completion **15 months,** Last date and time of submission of bid **04.08.2020 upto 11.00 hrs. 3) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/23/ 2020 Date 14.07.2020, Construction of Additional Classrooms for Government First Grade College at Bettadapura in Mysuru distrci for DCE.** Est. Cost is **Rs.152.69 Lakh** (Approx.), EMD **Rs. 1.53 Lakhs,** Period of completion **15 months,** Last date and time of submission of bid **05.08.2020 upto 11.00 hrs.** The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the **website https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/ app.** Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

Offer(s) in two part system are invited from reputed, resourceful and experienced parties meeting prescribed qualifying criteria for the following work:

Sl. No.	Description of work and NIT No.	Tender Document available on B&R's Website	Due Date of submission of Bid
1.	Balance Fabrication, erection, welding, testing & commissioning of Cone Roof, Floating roof and UG Horizontal tanks at the existing approved rate, terms and conditions for the Upcoming IOCL Petroleum Storage Oil Terminal at Asanur, Tamil Nadu. NIT No.: B&R / MDS / 51177 / IOCL / NIT-Balance Tankage Work Dated 14.07.2020.	14.07.2020	27.07.2020

Interested resourceful Contractors may download the tender documents from Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in. Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Co's Website http://www.bridgeroof.co.in only.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U8511KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT 10170 Dated: 03.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal for the work of **Providing mosquito control measures at Hosangadi Colony for the year 2020-21,** from any individual/ firm/ agency with license for pest control measures issued by the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka, Govt. of India or any other State Government. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 4.64 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 11,600/-.** Complete details regarding the tender can be had from **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date for tender submission: **18.07.2020 upto 17.00 Hrs.** Date of opening the Technical Bid: **20.07.2020 at 10.00 Hrs.** and after opening the technical bid, **Financial Bid** of qualifying bidders will be opened on **21.07.2020 if possible.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Civil),** VHEP, Hosangadi-576282, Udupi District. Ph: 08259-288221 during office hours.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.KPCL/2020-21/IND3689 Date:09.07.2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only Through e-Procurement portal and Two Cover System)

e-Tenders are invited for procurement of following goods from the reputed manufacturer/supplier with proven track records and successful completion of similar nature of supplies/works. The details of NIT, brief bid notification and tender documents can be downloaded from the web site **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Name of the work: **Procurement of one number bowl assembly for Jyoti make, 50 HP VT pump for KPCL Kadra. Amount put to Tender: Rs. 4.68Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 11,500/-.** Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **27.07.2020, 16:00 Hrs.** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **28.07.2020, 16:00 Hrs.** Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **29.07.2020, 16:30 Hrs.** Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **30.07.2020, 16:00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from, **Office of the Executive Engineer(MSP)K, KPCL, Kadra, Karwar NK-581396.** Mobile: **9480381628.** e-Mail: **eemspkadrakpcl@karnataka.gov.in** Website: **www.karnatakapower.com**

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TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.11 / 2020-21 / SDO / Dated : 14.07.2020.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu Scheduled tender through online only will be received upto **18.08.2020 - 11.00** hours (a.m) by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Salem Circle for the work of **Construction of Road over Bridge at Km 0/6 of Thaneerpandal Road in lieu of existing LC.No.6 at Railway Km.6/15-17 in between Singanallur - Peedlamedu Railway Stations** under **Railway Works Programme - 2006 - 2007** pertaining **Coimbatore** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
DIPR/2614/TENDER/2020 NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Executive Engineer (CStr & BVM) Division,
1st Floor, Suvarna Bhavan, 3rd Main, Margosa Road, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 55.

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through e-procurement portal)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered eligible tenderers for the following works.

IFT No.: BWSSB/EE(CStr & BVM)D/AE/PB/BVM/750/2020-21 Date: 13.07.2020

Dismantling an old existing OHT and disposing of debris at Peenya Service Station Premises coming under AEE(NW-3) Sub-division, Bangalore.**(Reserved for SC category).**
Amount put to tender : **Rs. 10,94,878/-.** EMD: **Rs. 13,686/-.**

IFT No.: BWSSB/EE(CStr & BVM)D/AE/PB/BVM/752/2020-21 Date: 13.07.2020

Construction of service station building at Banappa park OHT premises, Bangalore coming under AEE(C-1) Sub-division, Bangalore.**(Call-3).**
Amount put to tender: **Rs. 32.92 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 65,840/-.**

Last date and time for submission of completed tenders: **27.07.2020 upto 04:00PM.** Date of opening of Bids: **29.07.2020 at 12:00PM.** The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer(CStr&BVM).

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
2nd Floor, South Block, Beeja Raja Seeds Complex, Bellary Road, Hebbala, Bengaluru-560 024
Phone: 080-23515517 E-mail:ceokspdcl@gmail.com
No.KSPDCL/F-186/2020-21/01 Date: 07.07.2020

INVITATION FOR BIDS (through e-procurement only)

1. Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited [KSPDCL] invites bids from eligible registered KPWD/ CPWD registered contractors for **"Construction of Administrative building, Structures, Landscaping, Water supply & Sanitary arrangements and other allied civil works of Pavagada 2000MW Solar park".**
2. Estimated cost put to tender: **Rs.1302.14 Lakhs (excluding GST of 18%)**
3. The EMD amount: **Rs.15.00 Lakhs**
4. Time for completion of works: **12 Months (including monsoon)**
5. Interested applicants may access bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 15.07.2020.** Last date for submission of bids is on **16.08.2020 up to 16:00 Hrs.**

* Please note henceforth any changes in the schedule will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on e-Portal.
* Tenderers are requested to visit the site at Pavagada Solar Park, KSPDCL, before submitting tenders to ascertain local conditions about availability of materials and labour, etc.,

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

PIG'S BLOOD HELPS REVIVE DAMAGED LUNGS

The human organs were connected to an anaesthetised animal. After 24 hours, its capacity to deliver oxygen improved

BREAKTHROUGH

WASHINGTON: Researchers in the US have successfully revived donated lungs that are too damaged to be used in transplants by connecting the organ to the blood supply of a live pig.

This novel approach could triple the number of lungs available for transplant, researchers behind the project claimed.

The six lungs were obtained from brain-dead patients and offered to transplant surgeons. The organs were rejected by most major medical centres, according to a report in the *New York Times*. These organs were damaged, swollen and soggy with fluid. However, researchers at Columbia University and Vanderbilt University — that had been working for eight years on a system to restore damaged lungs — took this opportunity by connecting each lung to the circulatory system of an anaesthetised pig for 24 hours.

They did this with tubes feeding the blood vessels of the human lung from those in the neck of the pig. Simultaneously, the lung was pumped with air using a ventilator. The damaged lungs look transformed, after 24 hours of being connected to the pigs. The researchers also ran a series of tests on the organs and found that the cells, tissue structure and capacity to deliver oxygen had significantly improved.

However, there are pros and cons in using pig blood. Researchers are wary of the viruses in pigs' blood and their blood cells may cause immune reactions in patients.

The burden of having a large tube connected to patients' necks could also be a hindrance for patients on lung transplant lists that are already extremely ill.

However, there are experts who are critical.

"This is all on the outer cusp, but I don't think it is out of the realm of possibility. It all makes sense," said lung transplant surgeon at Indiana University Dr David W Roe.

In 2018, 2,562 lung transplants were performed in the US and there is an urgent need to increase such operations. Eligibility criteria for transplants are extremely strict owing to limited supply.

Most medical centres rule out patients age 70 or older, as well as people who are frail, even if they are teenagers whose frailty is caused by failing lungs, the *NYT* reported.

EXFILE

Fly without flapping

A new study sheds light on just how efficiently the world's largest soaring bird rides air currents to stay aloft for hours without flapping its wings. The Andean condor flaps wings only one per cent of time in flight, a study in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* suggests. We take a look

STUDY METHODOLOGY

A team of scientists strapped recording equipment they called "daily diaries" to eight condors in Patagonia to record each wingbeat over more than 250 hours of flight time

The recording devices were programmed to fall off the birds after about a week

1% → FLAP

These giant birds spent just 1 per cent of their time aloft flapping their wings, mostly during take-off

RIDING AIR CURRENTS

To birds, the sky is not empty, but a landscape of invisible features — wind gusts, currents of warm rising air, and streams of air pushed upward by ground features such as mountains. Learning to ride air currents allows some birds to travel long distances while minimising the exertion of beating their wings

TYPES OF FLIGHTS

Scientists who study flying animals generally consider two types of flight:

1 FLAPPING FLIGHT

2 SOARING FLIGHT

COMPARISON WITH OTHER BIRDS

Past studies have shown that white storks and osprey flap for 17% and 25% of their overland migratory flights, respectively

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Vultur gryphus

IUCN STATUS

NEAR THREATNED

SCAVENGER SKILL

The Andean condor's extreme skill at soaring is essential for its scavenger lifestyle, which requires hours a day of circling high mountains looking for a meal of carrion, said Sergio Lambertucci, study's co-author

DISTRIBUTION

These birds are found in South America's Andes Mountains, including the Santa Marta Mountains

NON STOP FLIGHT

One bird flew more than five hours, covering over 160 km, without flapping its wings

WINGSPAN	WEIGHT		LONGEVITY
8–10 FEET	11-15 KG (MALES)	8-11 KG (FEMALES)	50 YEARS

Andean condors have low mortality rates, with no natural predators in adulthood

Covid-19 may up HIV, TB malaria deaths: *Lancet*

3 KILLER DISEASES

PARIS: Poorer nations could see hundreds of thousands of additional deaths from HIV, tuberculosis and malaria as Covid-19 disrupts vital health services and access to life-saving treatment, new research warned on Tuesday.

Modelling the impact in countries that will bear the brunt of the three diseases over the next five years, the study found that they could even see as many years of life lost from those illnesses as from the pandemic itself.

The team behind the research said it was vital for governments to ensure that people living with the three killers continued to have access to diagnosis and treatment even while health systems are stretched by Covid-19.

HIV, tuberculosis and malaria kill close to three million people every year, the vast majority in low- or middle-income countries despite the existence of cheap and effective treatment or prevention.

Dozens of countries are already reporting an increase in people avoiding health care facilities out of fear of contracting the virus, and the supply of medicines such as anti-retroviral treatments for HIV are stretched.

"In countries with a high malaria burden and large HIV and TB epidemics, even short-term disruptions could have devastating consequences for the millions of people who depend on programmes to control and treat these diseases," said Timothy Hallett from Imperial College London and paper co-author.

> The Covid-19 pandemic and actions taken in response to it could undo the some of the advances made against major diseases such as HIV, TB, and malaria over the past two decades, compounding the burden caused by the pandemic directly
>
> Timothy Hallett, study co-author

For the study, which was published in the *Lancet Global Health* medical journal, the team looked at four different policy scenarios affecting the spread of Covid-19.

They then incorporated transmission models of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria to estimate the impact on heath services within the different scenarios over a five-year period.

The greatest impact was projected to be from interruption of anti-retrovirals for those living with HIV, with parts of southern Africa experiencing up to 10 percent more HIV deaths than would occur without Covid-19.

In the worst case scenario, screening and treatment for tuberculosis — still the world's biggest infectious killer — could see deaths rise by 20 percent in southern Africa.

Malaria deaths linked to the interruption of mosquito net campaigns could surge by 36 percent if little is done to stem the spread of Covid-19 in high incidence countries.

Study co-author Alexandra Hogan said the pandemic risked destroying many gains made in malaria control over the past decade.

"Routine preventative measures must be prioritised, ensuring mosquito net distribution campaigns and (preventative) treatments, such as mass drug distribution, are maintained," she said

COLOURS OF HONOUR

French Alpha jets of the Patrouille de France fly over the Louvre pyramid during the Bastille Day military ceremony, in Paris on Tuesday. France is honouring nurses, ambulance drivers, supermarket cashiers and others on its biggest national holiday, which has being redesigned to celebrate heroes of the Covid-19 pandemic | AFP

Spacewalks to replace ISS batteries

MAINTENANCE

WASHINGTON: Two NASA astronauts will conduct a pair of spacewalks on July 16 and July 21, to finish a 3.5-year effort to upgrade the International Space Stations power system, said the US space agency.

The spacewalks will begin around 5:05 pm (IST), and could last up to seven hours, NASA said on Monday. NASA astronauts Chris Cassidy and Robert Behnken will replace ageing nickel-hydrogen batteries with new lithium-ion batteries delivered to the station on a Japanese cargo ship in May.

In all, 12 spacewalks will have been performed since January 2017 to change out batteries for eight power channels used to route electricity on the station, the US space agency said.

These will be the 230th and 231st spacewalks in the history of space station assembly, maintenance and upgrades.

Drug targets on genome of coronavirus identified

POTENTIAL SITES

MELBOURNE: Scientists have discovered potential target points on the genome of the novel coronavirus, an advance which they claim may lead to the development of new treatments for the deadly disease.

The researchers, including Ali Hosseini and Alex McLellan from the University of Otago in New Zealand examined previously unrecognised "weak points" on the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2's genome — its RNA — that may be used to destroy the virus, or help create new vaccines.

According to the study, published in the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, these regions on the viral genome are target sites recognised by host miRNA — which are nucleic acid-based 'immune system' operating inside the body's cells.

The scientists said these miRNAs are essential for controlling the activity of genes within cells, and are also important players in the recognition and destruction of viruses. They said one target site on SARS-CoV-2 matches an abundant miRNA -- miR197 — present in very high levels in patients with cardiovascular complications or with respiratory viral infections.

The study noted that the miR197 binding site on SARS-CoV-2 had been independently mutated nearly 40 times since March this year with this mutation present currently in more than 75 percent of SARS-CoV-2 global isolates.

"Patients with cardiovascular complications have been shown to be at risk from COVID-19," McLellan said.

"Our study suggests that a normal defence pathway in these patients may have been blocked through this mutation in the virus," he added.

However, the scientists cautioned that it is too early to say if such mutations will help the virus, or are simply neutral hitchhikers that confer no advantage to the virus.

"We need direct experimental approaches using live virus, as well further study of the transmission of such mutants around the world," they said.

"Our study just says: let's keep an eye on these sites and see what happens to these in future," McLellan said.

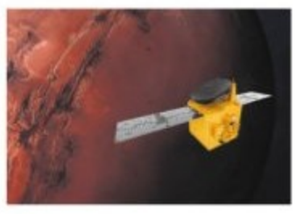
FACT OF THE MATTER

UK makes masks a must

HEFTY FINE

Ending days of speculation, the UK government on Tuesday declared that wearing a face mask will become mandatory in shops across England from July 24 and a fine of up to £100 would be imposed on those not complying with the rule as the country eases out of the lockdown. The enforcement powers for the new policy will be handed to the police and anyone failing to wear a face covering while shopping will be subject to a fine of up to £100 or £50 if paid speedily within 14 days. British Health Secretary Matt Hancock has confirmed the wearing of masks will be mandatory in shops and supermarkets in England.

UAE's Hope launch put off



WEATHER ISSUES

The liftoff of the United Arab Emirates' Mars orbiter was postponed until Friday due to bad weather at the Japanese launch site. The orbiter named Amal, or Hope, is the Arab world's first interplanetary mission. The launch was scheduled for Wednesday from the Tanegashima Space Center in Japan, but the UAE mission team announced the rescheduled date on Twitter. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' H-IIA rocket will carry UAE's craft into space. Mitsubishi launch official Keiji Suzuki had said on Monday a postponement was possible as intermittent lightning and rain were forecast over the next few days.

MECHANICAL HELP

US restaurants hiring more robot cooks to combat virus menace

NOVELTY OR NECESSITY?

HAYWARD: Robots that can cook — from flipping burgers to baking bread — are in growing demand as virus-wary kitchens try to put some distance between workers and customers.

Starting this autumn, the White Castle burger chain will test a robot arm that can cook french fries and other foods. The robot, dubbed Flippy, is made by Pasadena, California-based Miso Robotics.

White Castle and Miso have been discussing a partnership for about a year. Those talks accelerated when Covid-19 struck, said White Castle Vice President Jamie Richardson.

Richardson said the robot can free up employees for other tasks like disinfecting tables or handling the rising number of delivery orders. A touch-free environment that minimises contact is also increasingly important to customers, he said.

Flippy currently costs $30,000, with a $1,500 monthly service fee. By the middle of next year, Miso hopes to offer the robot for free but charge a higher monthly fee.

Robot food service was a trend even before the coronavirus pandemic, as hospitals, campus cafeterias and others tried to meet demand for fresh, customised options 24 hours a day while keeping labour costs in check. Robot chefs appeared at places like Creator, a burger restaurant in San Francisco, and Dal.komm Coffee outlets in South Korea.

A technician makes an adjustment to a robot at Miso Robotics' White Castle test kitchen in Pasadena, California | AP

Now, some say, robots may shift from being a novelty to a necessity. The US Centers for Disease Control says the risk of getting Covid-19 from handling or consuming food outside the home is low. Still, there have been numerous outbreaks among restaurant employees and patrons.

"I expect in the next two years you will see pretty significant robotic adoption in the food space because of Covid," said Vipin Jain, the co-founder and CEO of Blendid, a Silicon Valley startup.

Blendid sells a robot kiosk that makes a variety of fresh smoothies. Customers can order from a smartphone app and tweak the recipe if they want more kale or less ginger, for example. Once or twice a day, a Blendid employee refills the ingredients.

Max Elder, research director of the Food Futures Lab at the Palo Alto, California-based Institute for the Future, is sceptical about the future of food prep robots once the pandemic has eased. Elder is also concerned that focusing on automating food preparation during the pandemic will shift attention from other problems in the food system, like outbreaks among meat industry workers or produce pickers.

Amazon's smart shopping cart

NO CASHIER

Amazon has a new cure for long supermarket lines: a smart shopping cart. The cart, which Amazon unveiled on Tuesday, uses cameras, sensors and a scale to automatically detect what shoppers drop in. It keeps a tally and then charges their Amazon account when they leave the store. No cashier is needed. It's the latest attempt by Amazon to shake up the supermarket industry and offer a solution to long checkout lines. The online shopping giant opened a cashier-less supermarket in Seattle that uses cameras and sensors in the ceiling to track what shoppers grab and charge them as they leave. Amazon.com Inc. also has roughly 25 cashier-less convenience stores with similar technology. The cart, called Amazon Dash Cart, will first show up at a new Los Angeles supermarket Amazon is opening later this year. The store will have cashiers, but Amazon said it wanted to give shoppers a way to bypass any lines. Several startups are already making similar smart shopping carts that are being tested in stores, but many require scanning groceries before dropping them in.

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DAY'S DIARY

Twitter launched

Twitter, an online news and social networking service, which is one of the most popular micro blogging sites, was opened to public on this day in 2006

FIRST TWEET

The Twitter project was first started on March 21, 2006, when the platform's co-founder Jack Dorsey sent out the world's first tweet "just setting up my twttr"

THE LOGO

Twitter's official mascot, the bird which features in the company's logo, is named Larry'. According to a tweet by co-founder Biz Stone, it is called Larry the Bird as a tribute to NBA player Larry Bird

SETTING LIMITS

Even after it increased the character limit to 280, users tweeting in Chinese, Japanese and Korean will still have the original limit of 140 because writing in those languages uses fewer characters

Phantom ropes in lensman William David

PG 4

LOOK WHO IS WATCHING

Don't be surprised if you spot Srinath Vasistha working as a security guard at his apartment complex; the actor has volunteered to man the gate after a watchman tested Covid-19 positive

It feels so good to do something for the community we live in. Since I am just a few months old in the apartment, I didn't know many people. But this way I got introduced to them too
— Srinath Vasistha
Sandalwood actor

• **Monika Monalisa**

For the last couple of days, actor Srinath Vasistha has been carefully donning his security guard costume to get ready for his new role. There is, however, a difference in his routine now. Vasistha can now be seen as a watchman in real life, right at the entrance of his apartment complex. The actor, known for his appearances in Kannada teleserials and popular supporting roles in Sandalwood movies like *Rangi Taranga, Kraurya,* and *Krishna Nee Begane Baaro*, volunteered to take up the job after a sentry at his apartment was tested positive for Covid-19, and other personnel had to go under quarantine.

"I had earlier played the roles of a security guard and I even have the costume with me," he tells *CE*. "I had half a mind to wear it for the job, but then I didn't want to overdo the part," laughs Vasistha, adding that he finally settled for his regular clothes, coupled with all the protection gear. He moved to Gopalan Brindavan Apartment, near Vijaynagar, around 11 months ago, because his house, which is in the same area, is getting reconstructed.

Srinath Vasistha (in purple) on sets of *Arathigobba Keerthigobba*

The apartment was sealed around 10 days ago after a security person tested positive for coronavirus. Since the crisis left the gate of the apartment unguarded, the residents decided to take the matter into their hands and take turns to perform the duty in three shifts around the clock. Vasistha was one of the first ones to volunteer for this. "The routine started from July 12 when my son volunteered first. My turn was on Monday from 2pm to 10pm," he says. His next shift will be on July 20.

Vasistha, who has been a part of the industry for 31 years, playing major roles in 175 TV serials and over 50 Kannada movies, says he had no second thoughts before volunteering for the job. "If feels so good to do something for the community we live in. Since I am just a few months old in the apartment, I didn't know many people. But this way I got introduced to them too," says the 53-year-old actor, adding that he has the advantage of having time on his hands due to shoots getting cancelled in view of the pandemic.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Questions

1. Name the lake which was the water lifeline for the city and on which the Majestic Bus Station is located.
2. Name the school in Bengaluru started by the Theosophists in 1917, which was closely associated with Indian Freedom Movement.
3. Which was the first Railway line laid in Bengaluru/ Karnataka and in which year?

CITY READ

Winners for breakthrough innovation announced

In the sixth edition of Infosys Finacle Client Innovation Awards, Infosys Finacle announced winners for innovations in digital banking and their impact on business. Over 300 banks were nominated in eight categories. Sanat Rao, Global Head, said, "Traditional banking business practices were under scrutiny for relevance. The pandemic has accentuated the situation, underlining the need for deep flexibility for adaptive innovation."

Is there any difference in washing hands with cold water and hot water?
No, both are equally effective in killing germs and viruses. As long as you use soap.

Can I dry my hands with a towel after washing hands?
According to UNICEF, germs spread more easily from wet skin than dry skin. Paper towels or clean cloths are the most effective way to remove germs without spreading them to others.

Is it better to use medicated or anti-bacterial soap?
No. Antibacterial soaps are not more helpful than regular soap against Covid-19 unless they contain at least 60% alcohol, because the antibacterial ingredients do not affect viruses.

SOAP

How often should I wash my hands?
Studies suggest washing your hands at least 6-10 times a day reduces chances of catching infections like coronavirus

When should I wash my hands?
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- After visiting a public space like public transportation, shop or place of worship
- After touching surfaces outside your home, including money
- Before, during and after caring for a sick person
- Before and after eating
- After using the toilet
- After handling garbage

Is hand washing necessary if gloves are worn when handling anything?
It is extremely important to do a proper hand wash, whether using gloves or not. If you are using gloves, hand washing should be carried out before putting the gloves on, between glove changes and after gloves are removed.

When world re-opens, we will return to India: Chris Adler

• **Muneef Khan**

The hunt for a talented vocalist, who blends with the other musicians in a group, is like building a swimming pool with a fork, says Grammy-winning drummer Chris Adler as he recalls his drum clinic tour in India late last year. It was then that Adler sat down to jam with several artistes from Bengaluru's independent music scene, including Girish Pradhan, Sunneith Revankar, Tony Das, Suraz Karki and Yogesh Pradhan. While he was overwhelmed by their talent, which he terms "incredible", it was Girish who fit into Adler's upcoming project which needed a vocalist. Thus, the metal outfit, Firstborne, was formed, which released its self-titled debut EP in June. The line-up also features veteran bassist and former Megadeth James Lomenzo, and Los Angeles-based producer/ guitarist Myrone, who pioneered the soft shred genre.

"As fate would have it, Girish showed up to our first jam session in Bengaluru, grabbed the mic and gave me chills," Adler tells *CE*. "I was in total awe immediately. We spent the next few weeks together and it turned out that Girish is also one of the nicest, most down-to-earth persons I have ever met and worked with. I made a call back to the US to Myrone, telling him that I had struck gold," adds Adler, who credits his friend and agent Subhash Rao from Gravity Talent who brought him to India for his previous tours.

Chris Adler

Although the following months saw the pandemic setting in, Girish says the band was already in full swing with the recordings and interactions on a regular basis although they were in different parts of the world. "The main factor here is that all of us share a similar taste in music, so we were confident that we can rely on each other, and everyone was open to feedback. This made it a very comfortable zone to work in," says Girish.

Talking about the EP, Adler asserts that it quite simply speaks about "not giving up". He explains, "That's a global idea that we all share, and it's also very personal to me. I've seen for myself all over the world that people tend to become complacent and discouraged. That eats away at hope and leads to a mindset that just getting through the day becomes not giving up." While *Firstborne*, the title track from their debut self-titled EP, leans on these lines, *The Anthem* speaks of the many struggles one faces as an individual and together. "It talks about how unity is required among the common people rather than being divided by a higher power. We also wanted it to resonate with what was happening in the USA with the Black Lives Matter protest," says Pradhan, adding that the song also touches upon the incidents revolving around the Citizenship Amendment Act.

Agrees Adler, stating that the lyrics and music embody the idea of "US" against all. "If that's not metal, I don't know what is," he exclaims, adding that the outfit looks forward to recording together in the near future. "We are purposefully focusing our attention on India and the Australasia region as we all love travelling to the area and the connection we have with people there. When the world reopens, Firstborne will be there," says Adler.

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— Girish Pradhan, musician

RIDING HIGH

Wheeling in Shakespeare's plays

• **Express Features**

They are known as the cycling actors who carry their sets, props and costumes on bikes, performing Shakespeare's plays, particularly across the United Kingdom. Bengaluru has been on the route map of HandleBards (London) for a couple of years, after they found a receptive audience here during their earlier performances in the city.

They might have been here to perform even now, but the pandemic called for a change of plans. On Saturday, through their performance *Romeo and Juliet*, they explore Shakespeare's characters with fun games and clips of previous live shows. At the same time, Divyesh Bhandari, director, Imbroglio Productions, which has been bringing the troupe to Bengaluru, has been trying to help theatre practitioners who are struggling financially. "The theatre scene in the city is grim. In fact, many schools have dismissed drama teachers owing to regulated online courses. This has left them out of jobs at a time when things don't seem bright," he says. Bhandari is looking to raise ₹2-3 lakh for about 10 people who have been identified.

HandleBards will perform *Romeo and Juliet*

The 75-minute session will be streamed live, and is meant for any age group. While ticket sales used to hit 8-10,000 in the pre-Covid era, Bhandari says it is sparse now. "With OTT platforms ruling the scene, people don't seem to be interested in theatre. We've bought the price to ₹350 from ₹500-600, but the response is still dim," he says, calling it a reasonable price, since the troupe is paid in pounds.

In February, the all-girls' team has performed *As You Like It* for the city's audience, and the boys' troupe was to come here now. "Interestingly, this is a mixed group of boys and girls who will perform, something they haven't done previously. But now, the casting has been done based on availability," he says.

Choosing a platform was the next challenge, as the group was keen to have one where they could interact and bounce off the energy of the audience. "This wasn't possible on Zoom, so we chose the bookmyshow platform. Here, anyone can ask a question for the troupe to answer during the performance," he says.

(The show will be live-streamed on July 18, at 6pm on bookmyshow.com)

STUFFED BHINDI

INGREDIENTS

- **Bhindi:** 250 g
- **Garam masala:** 2 tsp
- **Coriander powder:** 3 tsp
- **Amchur powder:** 1 tsp or juice of one lemon
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Chilli powder & salt** to taste
- **Cumin seeds:** 1/2 tsp
- **Oil** as required

METHOD

- Cut the top and end of the bhindi, and slit the end. Mix all the masalas together. Stuff each bhindi with the masala.
- In a pan, pour oil. Add cumin seeds. When it splutters, add the stuffed bhindi. Shallow fry on medium flame till bhindi is done. ■ Serve with chapati or rice.

– Rama Shecar, Kochi

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPACE WATCH

TAURUS CONSTELLATION

Taurus is one of the oldest star patterns known to skywatchers. The first known records of Taurus date back 15,000 years, when ancient cave painters captured its likeness on the walls of underground rooms at Lascaux, France. The constellation is one of the few that look somewhat similar to its name, even though it's a stick figure. It contains a number of fascinating stars and other objects to explore. Look for Taurus in the sky along the ecliptic, near the constellations Orion and Aries. It looks like a V-shaped pattern of stars with long horns extending out across the sky. The constellation Taurus is also known for the Taurids meteor showers. Two separate events, the Northern and Southern Taurids, occur in late October and early November.

Source: thoughtco.com

BRIGHT SPOT

NEVER RETIRED TO SAVE LIVES

Peter Tsai, who patented the filtration material used in disposable N95 respirators in 1995, retired two years ago. But he got back on field when the novel coronavirus took over the world. The masks were limited and many people wanted his help to know how to scale up production and how to sterilise the masks for reuse. Tsai immediately hit the drawing board. He tried several ways to cheaply sterilise the masks without losing filtration efficacy. He found that N95 masks can be heated at 158°F for 60 minutes using a dry heat method. Oak Ridge National Lab, a Tennessee-based laboratory sponsored by the US Energy Department, collaborated with Tsai. The lab's goal was to convert the carbon-fiber-processing facility into a filtration-cloth facility to produce the filter technology needed for N95 masks. The facility is now able to produce material for 9,000 masks an hour. According to the lab, Tsai repeatedly rejected payment for his work.

Source: The Washington Post

APPSMART

Cross DJ Pro

Mix tracks in perfect sync on a powerful audio engine. Engineered & designed by Mixvibes.
Available on: Android

DIKSHA

The DIKSHA platform offers teachers, students and parents engaging learning material relevant to the prescribed school curriculum.
Available on: Android & iOS

Bass Booster Pro

The app has unlimited custom presets, music visualiser, and 20 built-in presets that will improve the quality of your music.
Available on: Android

SOUND BOARD

BHASKAR BOSE

Bhaskar Bose is an accountant by profession but detective by passion. From missing bodies from graveyards to murders on a film set, Bhaskar Bose and his police sidekick Bikesh solve each case in their inimitable style. On Spotify

GITA FOR THE Y OUNG AND RESTLESS

This weekly podcast is presented by Jaya Row, a renowned expert on Indian scripture. In each episode, an aspect of our modern lives is examined through the learnings from our ancient scriptures to provide ageless answerd to our most contemporary dilemmas. On Spotify

REVISIONIST HISTORY

Revisionist History is Malcolm Gladwell's journey through the overlooked and the misunderstood. Every episode re-examines something from the past—an event, a person, an idea, even a song—and asks whether we got it right the first time. On Google Podcast

SCIENCE VS

Science Vs takes on fads, trends, and the opinionated mob to find out what's fact, what's not, and what's somewhere in between. On Spotify and Apple Podcast

MILLENNIAL LIFE CRISIS

Millennial Life Crisis is a weekly podcast hosted by Shelby Church and Monica Church, 25-year-old sisters living in different cities. They cover topics such as adulting, personal finance, moving to a new city, buying a house, and more through the lens of two millennials. On Apple Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

MYNA

Satya falls for Mynaa, who is physically disabled, and marries her. But trouble begins when they meet a doctor who promises to help her but end up physically assaulting her.

- Cast: Chetan Kumar, Nithya Menen, R. Sarathkumar

THANGIGAGI

The story of a brother - Veerabhadra, who loves his only sister - Gowri a lot. Gowri marries a nice man and moves to Bangalore city. In spite of a warning Veerabhadra gets into violence and revenge.

- Cast: Darshan, Poonam Bajwa, Shwetha Chengappa

NALLA

Preethi, a woman with intellectual disabilities is kidnapped and forced into prostitution. A chance meeting with Prashanth, a teacher, changes her life forever.

- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Sangeetha

PARASURAM

ACP Parasuram helps Siva's mother, a widow, in recouping their wealth. Brainwashed by Akash, a terrorist, Siva works against the police and the government, and believes they killed his brother.

- Cast: Arjun Sarja, Kiran Rathod, Abbas

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 COULD A BREATHALYZER DETECT CANCER? BY JULIAN BURSCHKA

How is it that a breathalyzer can measure the alcohol content in someone's blood, hours after they had their last drink, based on their breath alone? And could we use this same technology to detect disease by analysing a person's breath? Julian Burschka details the complicated process.

2 HOW TO 3D PRINT HUMAN TISSUE BY TANEKA JONES

What if, instead of waiting for transplants – of critical organs like kidneys, hearts and livers– we could create new, customised organs from scratch? Taneka Jones explores bioprinting, a new branch of regenerative medicine.

3 HOW DID DRACULA BECOME THE MOST FAMOUS VAMPIRE? BY STANLEY STEPANIC

Over a hundred years after his creator was laid to rest, Dracula lives on as the most famous vampire in history. Stanley Stepanic explains how a critical copyright battle catapulted Bram Stoker's character into literary renown.

4 THE WILDLY COMPLEX ANATOMY OF A SNEAKER BY ANGEL CHANG

Australians call them "runners." The British know them as "trainers." Americans refer to them as "sneakers." Whatever you call them, these casual shoes are worn by billions of people around the world. How can we balance our love of sneakers with the need for sustainability? Angel Chang explores.

5 WHY YOU SHOULD GET PAID FOR YOUR DATA BY JENNIFER ZHU SCOTT

The world's most valuable tech companies profit from the personal data you generate. So why aren't you getting paid for it? In this eye-opening talk, entrepreneur and technologist Jennifer Zhu Scott makes the case for private data ownership.

FIT BIT

UPAVISTHA KONASANA

(WIDE ANGLE SEATED FORWARD BEND)

In Sanskrit, 'upavistha' means 'seated' or 'sitting', 'kona' means 'angle' and 'asana' means 'pose'. This pose calms the mind and the nervous system. It activates the Svadisthana chakra, thereby opening the centre of creativity, pleasure and enjoyment. Practising this pose opens the mind to new possibilities while encouraging self-acceptance. It is a foundational pose in many schools of yoga and part of the primary series of Ashtanga yoga. It prepares the body for other seated forward bends and twists, and wide-legged standing asanas.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana with the legs stretched out in front of you. Keep your back straight.
- Now lean back slightly and open your legs about 90 degrees.
- Press the hands and thigh bones against the floor, and rotate the thighs outward, so that the knees are pointing up. Make sure to widen the legs another 15 to 20 degrees. Keep the feet flexed with the toes pointing up. If you are not comfortable, use a folded blanket under the buttocks.
- Keep the spine long, start bending forward between the legs. As you bend, widen the hips more if possible.
- Increase the forward bend as much as possible, while exhaling. When your sternum is parallel to the ground, stop bowing. Stop if you find a slight discomfort in the back.
- Place your hands between the legs in Namaskar Mudra.
- If you feel comfortable then grasp the feet with your hands, and lock the fingers around the toes.
- Breathe deep and long while holding the pose for about a minute or longer.
- Then breathe out and slowly get back to the initial position.

LIMITATIONS

- Practise on an empty stomach. After food, a gap of four or six hours is essential.
- Avoid practising if you have a tear or pull in your hamstring.
- If you have a lower back injury, sit on a thick or folded blanket.
- Those with herniated disc and back injury, and pregnant women must no do this pose.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the adductor muscles of the groin and activates the joints.
- Stimulates the body parts and tones abdominal organs.
- Regular practise will open the stiffness in hands and legs.
- Makes the spinal cord stronger.
- Improves the digestive tract.
- Calms the mind and relieves fatigue and stress.
- Improves flexibility and increases energy.
- Provides relief for those suffering from sciatica and arthritis.
- Detoxifies your kidneys.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

AYANA (Kannada)

With his carefree bachelor days behind him, a young entrepreneur's ambitions for adulthood come with some painful personal and professional decisions.

- Cast: Deepak Subramanya, Apoorva Soma, Ramesh Bhat
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

SIVAPPU MANJAL PACHCHAI (Tamil)

Rajasekar is a traffic police officer whose marriage is arranged with Madhan's sister, but Madhan is an arrogant street racer who sees Rajasekar as his enemy.

- Cast: Siddarth, GV Prakash, Lijomol Jose
- Watch on: MX Player
- Registration: free

THITHI (Kannada)

In a South Indian village, a centenarian's funeral brings together his free-spirited son, inheritance-hungry grandson and girl-crazy great-grandson.

- Cast: Thammegowda S., Channegowda, Abhishek H.N.
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

KATYAR KALJAT GHUSLI (Marathi)

The Maharaj of the state of Vishrampur arranges a singing competition and announces that the winner will be awarded the status of a royal singer. Pandit Bhanu is then challenged by Khanasaheb Aftab.

- Cast: Shankar Mahadevan, Sachin Pilgaonkar, Amruta Khanvilkar
- Watch on: Zee 5
- Registration: ₹99 per month

GEETA GOVINDAM (Telugu)

Vijay Govind, a young college lecturer, wishes to get married at the earliest. He tries to woo Geeta, an independent and a level-headed woman, who is not easy to convince.

- Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Rashmika Mandanna
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹99 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SONCHIRIYA (Hindi)

The film is set in the ravines of the Chambal valley. It tells the tale of dacoits in 1975, who termed themselves Baaghis, the rebels.

- Cast: Sushant Singh Rajput, Bhumi Pednekar, Manoj Bajpayee
- Watch on: Zee 5
- Registration: ₹99 per month

ASUR (Bengali)

Kigan, an artist, decides to create the world's largest Durga idol at Deshbandhu Park. However, the enmity between friends and bruised egos threaten to destroy his mammoth endeavour.

- Cast: Jeet, Nusrat Jahan, Rajnandini Paul,
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

A STAR IS BORN (English)

After falling in love with struggling artist Ally, Jackson, a musician, coaxes her to follow her dreams, while he battles with alcoholism and his personal demons.

- Cast: Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga, Sam Elliott
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

RIPHAGEN THE UNTOUCHABLE (Dutch)

A thriller based on the story of Andries 'Al Capone' Riphagen, a Dutch war criminal who collaborated with the Nazis, blackmailing and betraying Jews. He amassed a huge amount of money through his crimes and was never brought to justice.

- Cast: Lisa Zweerman, Kay Greidanus, Jeroen van Koningsbrugge
- Watch on: Netflix ● Registration: ₹199 per month

THE GODFATHER (English)

Don Vito Corleone, head of a mafia family, decides to hand over his empire to his youngest son Michael. However, his decision unintentionally puts the lives of his loved ones in grave danger.

- Cast: Al Pacino, Marlon Brando, Diane Keaton, James Caan ● Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES (Spanish)

Decades later, a former legal counsellor revisits a homicide case in order to write a novel on it. He simultaneously deals with his feelings for his former colleague while working on the case.

- Cast: Ricardo Darin, Soledad Villamil, Guillermo Francella, Javier Godino
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

Going virtual for the first time, Kashish Mumbai International Queer Film Festival will bring 157 films from 42 countries

OUT AND PROUD

(Clockwise from top) Stills from *Guptadhan, Pencil Box, Saving Chintu, The Song We Sang, Chunni*

Simran Ahuja

A romance between two women, asexuality, adoption by gay parents... there's a lot to look forward to at the annual. This year's edition, which is going online for the first time since the festival's inception in 2010, brings stories that set a tone for a future that is respectful of all genders and sexualities. The virtual route was the only option available, given the current pandemic, Sridhar Rangayan, founder and festival director, tells CE. It's also one that came with the perks of a wider reach.

"Most of the 157 films from 42 countries that are being shown at the festival will be available for viewing across the world, except for a few which are geo-blocked to play only in India, due to restrictions by the producers or distributors," says Rangayan, who hails from Mandya but currently lives in Mumbai.

The theme for this year is 'Moving Forward, Together', which, Rangayan says, encompasses the entire spectrum of LGBTQIA+ lives and the allies, making a call for everyone to come together with love and compassion. "The festival has ensured that all sexualities and genders are represented in the films we programme," he adds. All the films to be screened have been made in 2019 / 2020, and most of them will have their Indian premiers at he event. Out of these, 52 films are in competition in 10 categories, competing for a total cash award of ₹1,85,000.

In all its years of being, the festival has been home to films of various narratives, which have only changed over time. "The films have become more sensitive and go beyond the angst of who am I and acceptance to cover nuanced portrayals of relationships between individuals, treating them as just another human being," says Rangayan, who adds that they see a larger representation of transmen, queer, non-binary, intersex, asexual lives being represented in their programming.

"We also have more films that are intergenerational and also films that explore the intersection between disability and queerness," he says.

The shift also includes stories set in small towns or villages. However, Rangayan, who has also made various films, shares that filmmakers still find it difficult to make movies on the topic. Every year, the festival receives about 60 Indian LGBTQIA+ films, of which nearly 50 per cent are screened. "But most of these films are self-funded or crowd-sourced and hence are very low budget films. Because of this, though the content is superb, the films fall short on technical finesse. But a great story well told will always touch the hearts," says Rangayan. This year, 30 Indian films, including four feature films, will be screened. "Watch out for the six films screening under the Indian Narrative Shorts Competition. Each one is a gem," he adds.

As part of its virtual programming, the festival also includes a line-up of virtual interactions and panel discussions featuring international panellists. For example, a panel discussion on homophobia in sports will include Canadian Olympian speedskater Anastasia Bucsis.

The event will take place from July 22 to 30. For details, visit festival website

"The festival has ensured that all sexualities and genders are represented in the films we screen
—**Sridhar Rangayan,** founder

TURNING PAGES

'Every spot evoked images that filled his heart'

Express Features

They had removed all the roofing and the substructures. Next, they would raze these lonely walls floating in solitude. Amma used to stuff everything on the shelves in the western wall. The eastern wall was quite deep and hosted all the things the boys had. Here sat the little money boxes got from a stall at the temple chariot festival. The box that looked like an orange was always his. Annan had the one that looked like a mango. It was quite ugly-looking, with a tip that stuck out like the beak of a parrot. He never felt like putting money in that one. These collection boxes were filled bit by agonizing bit—for collecting neem seeds or for digging out groundnuts and such. The Karattur chariot festival was celebrated every year in the Tamil month of Maasi, between February and March, and celebrations went on the whole month. They would hire a cart to go to the festival. Their relatives would give the children some money to buy something for themselves from the stalls there. Thatha, Aaya, Appuchi, Atthai . . . all of them. That was when these boxes were full of money. Amma also gave them money once a week on Thursdays to spend in the market. Annan would buy himself something or the other to eat and spend it all. The boy's money would go directly into the box. And the money he collected was used up at the time school reopened, to buy books and notebooks.

Memories of incidents were spread across the walls. Every spot evoked images that filled his heart. At the earthen hearth that lay wrecked, dishonest actions were uncovered. Amma had terrified Annan as she held both his hands, threatening to pile burning charcoal on them. Annan had apparently taken money without anyone's knowledge. If he had taken the money, the charcoal would burn him; if he hadn't, the sizzling coal would have no effect. With sweat pouring over his entire face, Annan had admitted to taking the money. Amma had tanned his hide that day. The noise of the crows interrupted his reverie. They had begun to settle on the tamarind trees. These birds that used to brush their wings against the vadhanaram trees in the goat farm as they flew by appeared like little dots. Apparently, there was a goat farm there a long time ago. But now, only a plaque that commemorated Kamarajar's inauguration of that goat farm still remained. It would soon get dark here. Amma would look for him. He should leave now. When he returned from school, he had come here straight without informing her, furiously determined to somehow get hold of that dog at least today. His mother would have assumed that he was playing somewhere. But where could he play now? There had been so many games to play in the forest. When he joined with the children of the farm workers, they kicked up so much dust in the air — enough to wonder if the late afternoon sky got its colour from the red soil. They played with no heed to the dimming skies.

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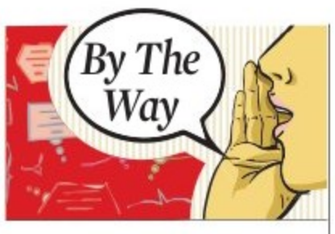

For love of books

Bengaluru is back under lockdown but Shubra Aiyappa has prepared herself well to stay indoors. The actor took to Instagram to share a photograph of the books she has bought. Calling them her "new friends", the actor wrote, "My lockdown won't feel so bad anymore. Please stay at home and try reading people. It's a good getaway. Stay safe." Her new reading list includes books by Zadie Smith, Lena Dunham and Jhumpa Lahiri.

Bringing outdoor action within walls

Express Features

Repeated lockdowns and no sight of gyms getting reopened has left fitness junkies disheartened. While staying fit indoors comes with its own challenges, such as lack of motivation, there's nothing that a little competitive spirit can't solve. City-based venture NthAdventure, which launched virtual adventure sports challenges last month, is back with its third such event. Called the virtual tandem challenge, the event takes place from July 30 to August 3, and requires teams of two (with partners forming pairs from around the world) where each contributes a certain distance (10, 20 or 50 km) either by running or cycling. "Though these usually take place outdoors, they are easily adaptable indoors with gym equipment like treadmills and cycles," explains Ajita Madan, who co-founded the outdoor adventure sports venture with Sayeesha Kirani.

Madan has been on a mission to make Indians aware of the wide gamut of adventure sports, other than mountaineering, bungee jumping or paragliding, that also qualify under the same spectrum. The Bengaluru-based former management professional co-founded NthAdventure in 2016 and had been organising events on

Sayeesha Kirani and Ajita Madan, co-founders, NthAdventure

adventure racing (a multidisciplinary team sport that could go on for two hours to two weeks), orienteering (group of sports that require navigational skills using a map and compass), night trail run and tandem challenges. The pandemic may have brought a halt to these competitions but Madan was determined to continue spreading word about them.

So far, Madan has organised two virtual adventure sports events. "In order to verify their claims, we ask them to submit videos, pictures and screenshots of tracking apps," says Madan, who adds that the first two challenges – on adventure racing and a night trail run -- saw 101 and 70 participants, respectively, from different countries. "Besides keeping our effort at awareness-building going, we also wanted to provide an outlet for fitness junkies so that they could stay in high spirits," says Madan.

The 30-year-old has been on several adventure sports expeditions to South Africa, Mauritius and New Zealand. Having seen the exposure such sports get in other countries, she says, "In India, we don't even know about the existence of such sports. We conduct such events so that people become more aware and maybe India can get an athlete to participate in global championships."

One of the participants in the upcoming tandem challenge will be software engineer Santhosh Gowda, an ultrarunner who has participated in the virtual 25km adventure race. Gowda completed all parts of the race – cycling, running and running with weights – in two days. "For running, I went to a trail near my house and for cycling, I just hit the road. With the Covid scenario, many aren't stepping out for physical activity either, but I wanted a way to stay fit by maintaining social distancing," says the Bengalurean.

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CITY READ

Machines to dispense masks, gloves at airport

Now, you can get safety essentials like masks, sanitisers and protection gloves from a vending machine at Bengaluru airport. The machine has been installed by Tynimo, a lifestyle retail brand, at the departure hall.

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Writer, comedian

International cricket returned last week with West Indies beating England in the first Test match. This was the first international cricket match being played after the entire world ground to a halt due to Covid-19. The game was played under the newly set rules by the International Cricket Council, which included empty stands, restrictions on high-fives and celebrations, and a ban on applying saliva to the ball to make it shinier. If cricket is a strange sport in itself, Test cricket is like the old grandfather that people respect, even if they don't understand him completely. It is played for five days, and could still end up having no result. A format where a 'draw' is celebrated as enthusiastically as a thrilling win. A five-day war with smaller battles in between.

It is also interesting that the match was played between England and West Indies. Much of my early worldview was shaped by cricket. The only place I heard English being spoken was during cricket commentary. It was the only space where I witnessed sportsmen representing their nation.

For one, I assumed West Indies was a country. It took a rap on my knuckle from our Geography ma'am to realise that West Indies was actually a collection of 13 individual island nations that came together to play the sport. To my utter shock, I later realised that England is not a country either! That the United Kingdom consists of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland, and all of them have their own international teams. So while 13 countries were pooled together to play as one, the UK herself played three international teams! No other sport in the world carries the burden of colonialism like cricket does. My 8-year-old mind processed all the cricket information without any context. For example, I assumed South Africa was a white nation, since every cricketer in the team was white. I did read about Nelson Mandela and his freedom struggle, but I wondered what he was doing in a white nation in the first place! Zimbabwe too had a completely white team, leading to similar assumptions.

Australia was the undisputed cricketing superpower when I grew up, and so I assumed that it was one of the biggest superpowers in the world. Since Kiwi cricketers were always fit, and their stadiums large and lush, I assumed New Zealand must be a large nation with a huge population. Sri Lanka hammered India all through the 1990s, and I assumed that they were a superpower too. And finally, there was Pakistan. Back in the '90s, Pakistan were clearly the better team. Every time India played Pakistan, it involved fear, rumours and prayers. Going by my limited worldview, I assumed that Pakistan was a much more powerful country than India.

Cricket is the only sport where every playing nation was once colonised by the British. A sport where legends of the game have been at the receiving end of racist taunts. A sport where apartheid and discrimination are sewed into the leather of the cricket ball. No sport embodies colonialism and racism like cricket does.

Which was why it was heartening to see cricket wake up to the Black Lives Matter protests. Players wore black armbands and knelt before the match to express solidarity to the cause. Ironically, cricket chose a Test match with zero spectators to express solidarity. When cricket does finally return to packed stadiums, cricketers will be bending their knees for Sona-Chandi Chyawanprash, and raising their arms for Zandu Pain Balm advertisements!

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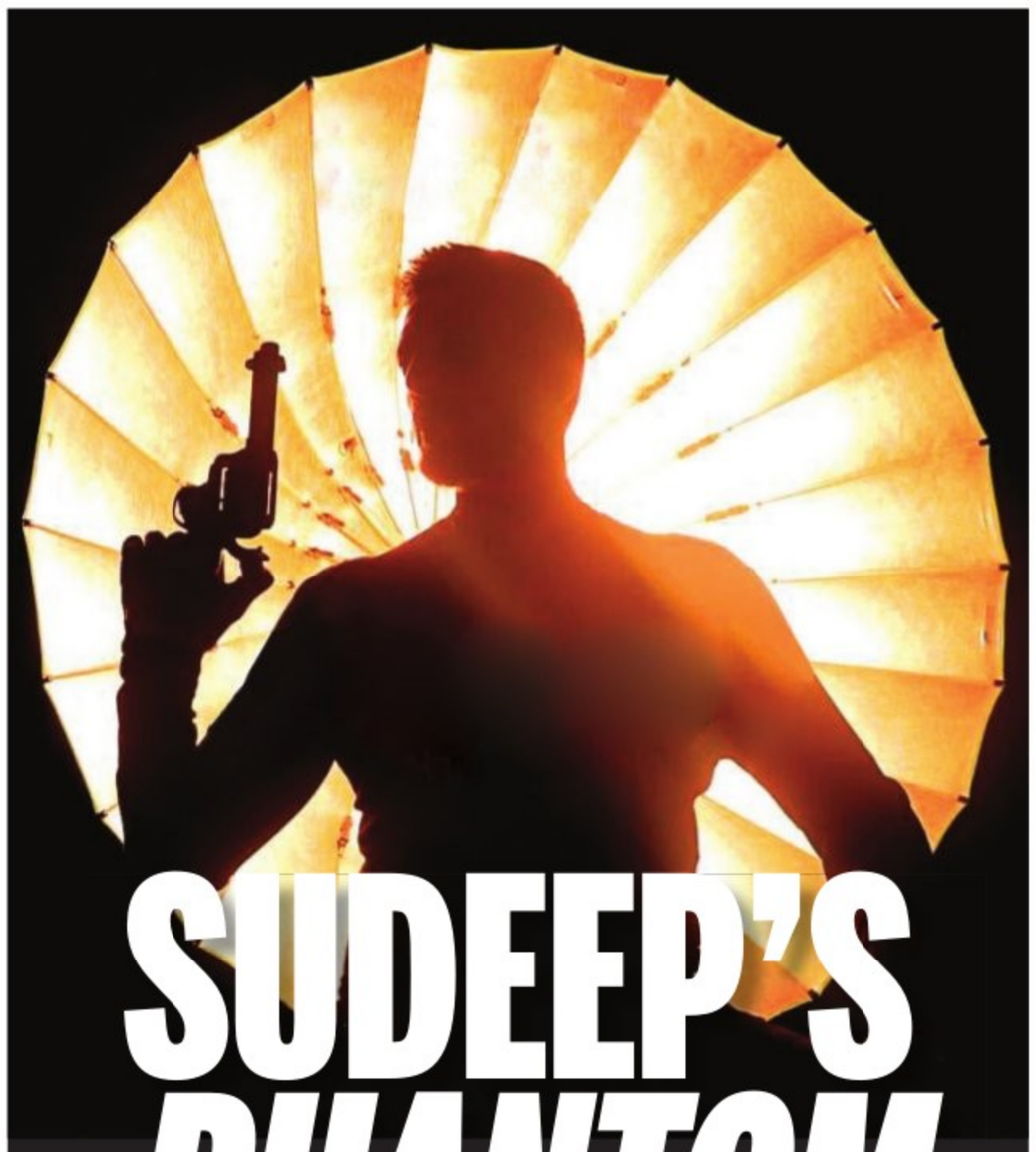

SUDEEP'S *PHANTOM* BRINGS ON BOARD CINEMATOGRAPHER WILLIAM DAVID

The lensman, who made his debut with Anup Bhandari's *Rangitaranga*, will work in a Kichcha-starrer film for the first time; the team is coming up with a major set at Annapurna Studios and shooting is likely to resume soon

A Sharadhaa

Sudeep-starrer *Phantom* is bringing together a fresh combination of actors and technical crew. While music director B Ajaneesh Loknath had earlier come on board to compose the music for Kichcha's film, the next person to join the team is cinematographer William David. The lensman, who has worked in over 1,000 commercials, is best known for his work in Anup Bhandari's directorial debut, *Rangitaranga*. He had also taken charge of cinematography for the director's previous film, *Rajaratha*. This will be his third collaboration with Anup, and his first one with Kichcha.

Phantom will be one of the first films in Kannada to resume shooting amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently, Shivakumar, who has taken the responsibility of the art department, is coming up with a major set at Annapurna Studios in Telangana. It is being said that Sudeep, along with the director, producer, and a limited number of cast and crew, will make a temporary camp there and start the shooting in a day or two. Producer Manjunath Gowda had said earlier that the production house is taking all measures to ensure the safety of staffers who are willing to stay there. The team will also have a doctor and two nurses on the sets, while only required staff will be present on the site.

Phantom is being made under the banner of Shalini Artss. Playing the role of Vikranth Rona, Kichcha Sudeep will be featured in a new avatar in the adventure drama. The makers are yet to announce the name of the heroine.

William David

French Biriyani trailer to be out on July 16

The Danish Sait-starrer, created by PRK Productions and directed by Pannaga Bharana, will see a global OTT release on July 24

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Today's menu: drama, action, and comedy! Serving the trailer on July 16," (sic), tweeted Puneeth Rajkumar, who also unveiled the latest poster of the film, and gave details about the upcoming film, *French Biriyani*. The much-awaited film, created by PRK Productions and directed by Pannaga Bharana, will be among the slew of movies to have a global release on July 24 on Amazon Prime Videos. It will be released alongside *Shakuntala Devi*, and *La*. The film is based on a real incident and features Danish Sait in the lead role, along with Sal Yusuf and Disha Madan, Rangayana Raghu, Nagabhusan and Sindhu Srinivasmurthy. French Biriyani is a quirky comedy produced by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar and Gurudutt A Talwar. It has cinematography by Karthik and music by Vasuki Vaibhav.

A still from *French Biriyani*

'Telugu remake of *Love Mocktail* will be an action love drama'

... says Nagashekar, who is making his Tollywood debut with the remake of the Kannada film, which will bring together Satya Dev and Tamannaah

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The Telugu remake of *Love Mocktail* will star Satyadev Kancharana and Tamannaah, and also mark the debut of *Myna* director Nagashekar in Tollywood. The original film, which was the directorial debut of actor Krishna in Kannada, was declared a hit when it had a theatrical release as well as when the romantic drama was released on the OTT platform. The simple story, and the music by Raghu Dixit, worked well for the film, which had Krishna in the lead role. It also starred Milana Nagaraj, Amrutha Iyengar, Rachana Inder and Abhilash, among others.

However, Nagashekar, who will be directing *Love Mocktail* in Telugu, says he has only taken the soul of the content, and has changed the entire screenplay for the new version. "*Love Mocktail* will now be an action love drama and will have a different flavour from the original. I am currently in Hyderabad for discussions. I am glad to start my Telugu directorial debut with *Love Mocktail*," he says. Nagashekar is also co-producing the film under the banner Nagashekar Movies, along with Bhavani Ravi. The project will go on floors from September 15. It will have Keeravani's son, Kala Bhairava composing the music and well-known DoP Satya Hegde taking charge of cinematography. Before beginning the shooting for *Love Mocktail*, Nagashekar will take up *Srikrishna@gmail.com*. The director is teaming up with Krishna for a love drama bankrolled by Sandesh Productions, the shooting of which will begin in mid-August.

Satyadev Kancharana

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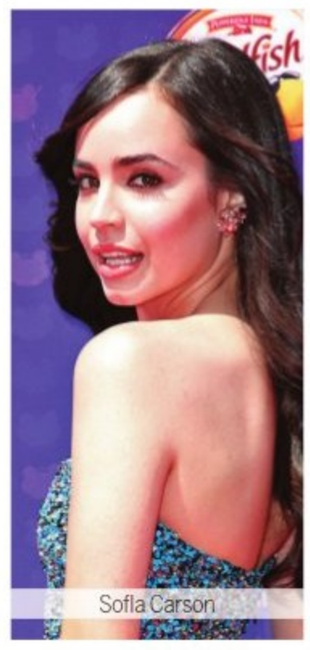


Sofia Carson

KJ Apa, Sofia Carson to star in pandemic film *Songbird*

CE Features

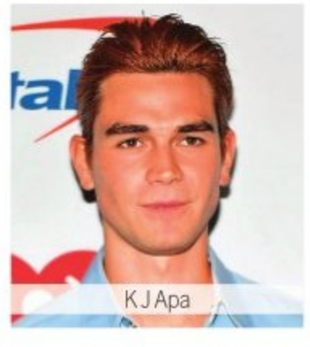
Pandemic thriller film *Songbird*, produced by Michael Bay, will star KJ Apa and Sofia Carson in the lead. It started rolling last week, making this one of the first films to go into production after the lockdown in Los Angeles.

Adam Goodman and Andrew Sugerman's Invisible Narratives, and Catchlight Studios are also attached to the production.

Helmed by Adam Mason, the film is set in the aftermath of the pandemic lockdown and will follow the love story of a motorbike courier named Nico (Apa) and an artist calling Sara (Carson).

Some of the other cast members include Demi Moore, Jenna Ortega and Paul Walter Hauser.

KJ Apa is popular for his role as Archie Andrews in the Netflix series *Riverdale*, which is now in its fifth season. Sofia Carson, on the other hand, is widely known for her role as Evie in Disney's *Descendants* and is also popular for starring in *Pretty Little Liars: The Perfectionists*.



KJ Apa

Shakuntala Devi motion poster out, trailer drops on July 15

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The motion poster of *Shakuntala Devi - The Human Computer* is out. To be released on Amazon Prime Video on July 31, the film stars Vidya Balan as mathematician and author Shakuntala Devi. The 15-second poster introduces the math whiz as faster than a calculator and a computer. Directed by Anu Menon, the film's trailer drops on July 15.

Taking to social media, Vidya shared, "Get ready to meet the genius! Trailer out tomorrow. Meet #ShakuntalaDeviOnPrime July 31."

Revered for her mental arithmetic skills, Shakuntala Devi earned a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records in 1982. She also authored the book The World of Homosexuals, considered to be the first study of homosexuality in India.

The upcoming biopic is produced by Sony Pictures Networks Productions and Abundantia Entertainment.

A still from *Shakuntala Devi*

You are the one who made me believe in love: Rhea Chakraborty pens note on Sushant Singh Rajput

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Sushant Singh Rajput's partner Rhea Chakraborty has penned a note on the actor's demise. Sushant died by suicide a month ago on June 14. He was 34. Sushant and Rhea were reportedly dating for a while.

Sharing pictures with Sushant on Instagram, Rhea wrote, "Still struggling to face my emotions.. an irreparable numbness in my heart."

"You are the one who made me believe in love, the power of it. You taught me how a simple mathematical equation can decipher the meaning of life and I promise you that I learnt from you every day. I will never come to terms with you not being here anymore."

She said she hopes he's in a more peaceful place now. "The moon, the stars, the galaxies would've welcomed the greatest physicist with open arms. Full of empathy and joy, you could lighten up a shooting star - now, you are one. I will wait for you my shooting star and make a wish to bring you back to me."

She remembered Sushant as "everything a beautiful person could be, the greatest wonder that the world has seen."

"My words are incapable of expressing the love we have and I guess you truly meant it when you said it is beyond both of us. You loved everything with an open heart, and now you've shown me that our love is indeed exponential."

"Be in peace Sushi. 30 days of losing you but a lifetime of loving you.... Eternally connected to infinity and beyond."